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No easy answers

Big rise in US mass shooting tips poses problems for police

By LISA MARIE PANE
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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES It had all the makings of a massacre: Six guns, including a Colt AR-15 rifle, about 1,000 rounds of ammunition, a bulletproof vest, and an angry Southern California man who threatened to kill his coworkers at a hotel and its guests.

But a concerned colleague intervened, alerting authorities who arrested Rodolfo Montoya, 37, a cook at the Long Beach Marriott hotel, the next day and discovered the arsenal where he

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Weapons and ammunition seized from a Los Angeles-area hotel cook accused of threatening a mass shooting are displayed in a photo released on Aug. 21.

LONG BEACH CALIF. POLICE DEPARTMENT/AP



Russia mocks failure of US systems in arms sales pitch

By ADAM TAYLOR
The Washington Post

The attack on Saudi Arabian oil facilities on Sept. 14 was a disaster for both Riyadh and Washington, as weapons allegedly made in Iran circumvented expensive U.S. missile defense systems.

But in Moscow, news of the attack was greeted as yet another chance to mock the U.S. and its allies — all while extolling the virtues of Russia's own missile defense technology.

"We still remember the fantastic U.S. missiles that failed to hit a target more than a year ago, while now the brilliant U.S. air



PAVEL GOLOVKIN/AP

Russian President Vladimir Putin suggested the Sept. 14 attack on Saudi oil facilities would have been stopped by Russian-made missile defense systems.

defense systems could not repel an attack," Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told a briefing on Friday. "These are all links in a chain."

Russian President Vladimir Putin, in Ankara for a meeting with Turkish and Iranian leaders on Sept. 16, went further by suggesting that Saudi Arabia would have been saved from the weekend attack if it had purchased a missile defense system made by Russia.

"The political leadership of Saudi Arabia just needs to make a wise state decision," Putin said, pointing to the purchase of the S-300 missile system by Iran and the S-400 missile system by Turkey.

The rivalry between the U.S. and Russia over arms sales has existed ever since the Cold War. Between 2014 and 2018, they were the two largest exporters of arms in the world, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

During the past few years, that rivalry has grown especially bitter as geopolitical conflict and new technology brought U.S. and Russian arms into close contact. In the Middle East, where tension and war have led to a surge in arms sales, Washington and Moscow often compete for the same clients.

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MILITARY

Typhoon in Koreas' JSA unites 2 sides

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — A deadly typhoon that tore through the Korean Peninsula earlier this month didn't spare the truce village of Panmunjom that straddles the border between North and South.

Storm damage at the Joint Security Area was relatively minor but had a diplomatic side effect, bringing together the North Koreans and members of the U.S.-led United Nations Command for repairs.

"Following Typhoon Lingling, personnel on both sides of the Joint Security Area (JSA) recognized the need for damage repairs and maintenance activities," the U.N. Command said in a statement Friday.

The command also tweeted several photos showing North Koreans fixing a roof, spraying a hose and sweeping up around buildings known as "conference row" because of past talks that have been held there. U.N. Command security battalion soldiers were shown watching from the other side.

The armistice that ended the 1950-53 Korean War in lieu of a peace treaty was signed in one of the iconic blue buildings, and the area has become a popular tourist destination.

The JSA is the only point on the border where troops from both sides come



United Nations Command

North Korean soldiers and workers repair typhoon damage at the Joint Security Area on the border between North and South Korea earlier this month.

face-to-face.

But the North Koreans haven't been very communicative since nuclear talks with Washington broke down after their leader, Kim Jong Un, and President Donald Trump failed to reach agreement during a February summit in Vietnam.

Trump and Kim agreed to resume working-level talks during an impromptu June 30 meeting at the JSA, but no date has been set.

Typhoon Lingling, which killed several people and left heavy damage in both Koreas, brought a momentary renewed sense of cooperation at the JSA. The work took place Sept. 12-14, officials said.

Beginning on Sept. 11, the U.N. Command, North Korean and South Korean personnel "have employed routine telephone and face-to-face communication in Panmunjom to coordinate and execute a series of repairs to JSA's famous 'Confer-

ence Row,' along with other infrastructure in the area," the statement added.

The command said the cooperation was a reminder "of the importance of the JSA as an active link between all parties."

The U.N. Command — led by Gen. Robert Abrams, who also commands U.S. Forces Korea — is responsible for enforcing the armistice that ended the Korean War.

Tensions have eased since the two Koreas agreed during their third summit a year ago to transform the heavily fortified border into a peace zone. Soldiers from both sides are no longer armed, and many guard posts have been removed.

However, the promise to allow tourists to move freely in the area has not been fulfilled as the diplomatic process has stalled.

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Sailor held in child sex abuse case

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The U.S. Marshall Service and Naval Criminal Investigative Service arrested a U.S. Ronald Reagan sailor aboard the aircraft carrier on child sexual assault charges out of Nevada, according to KTNV Las Vegas.

Fireman Apprentice Sakari D. Macrae-Hodgin, an electrician's mate, was booked Wednesday into the Clark County Detention Center on four counts of sexual assault against a child less than 14 years old and one count of incest, according to his booking record.

His bond is set at \$500,000.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal reported that court records allege the crimes took place in North Las Vegas.

Further details of the allegations were unavailable Friday.

KTNV said a Marshals Service press release listed Macrae-Hodgin's age as 20, but the booking report said he is 22.

The arrest happened while the Ronald Reagan was in its Yokosuka homeport for a brief mid-deployment break from Aug. 24 to Sept. 14. The exact date of Macrae-Hodgin's arrest was unclear.

The press release said the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, after learning Macrae-Hodgin was on the aircraft carrier, enlisted the Marshals Service Offender Predator Apprehension Team to arrest him in Japan, according to KTNV.

The Navy is cooperating with the investigation.

The U.S. Marshals Service and Las Vegas police did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

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MILITARY

Ramstein gives military dogs final send-off

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Hundreds of personnel lined the streets of Ramstein Air Base on Friday to give a salute to two military working dogs as they left the base, secure in their kennels in the back of a van, for their last ride.

"Ramstein is all post and patrols, military working dog Diesel and military working dog Sky have answered the final call," said a message broadcast over the 86th Security Forces Squadron radio as the dogs and their handlers passed by.

"You will be remembered for your dedication to service and your selfless sacrifice ... Godspeed, boys."

Staff Sgt. Andrew T. Kraft was driving one of the vans. Staff Sgt. Antonio Gallegos was a passenger.

Sky and Diesel were their dogs.

The military working dog handlers had learned last week that the animals, both Belgian Malinois assigned to the 86th Security Forces Squadron as patrol explosive detection dogs, would be euthanized on Friday.

Both had inoperable terminal cancer.

Sky, 5, was considered the kennel's "goofball," Kraft said.

"He had big bug eyes," he said, of the dog he was with for two years. "Some people said he looked like the squirrel from 'Ice Age' (the movie). My personal favorite (comparison) is the hyena from 'Lion King' — the bug-eyed one."

Diesel, 10, was known as the kennel's "cranky old man," Gallegos said.

Gallegos, 26, began working with Diesel in January. He was warned Diesel was aggressive, "to be very careful with him, that he could snap at you at any second."

But with Gallegos, Diesel "was the sweetest dog from the second I got him. Very obedient — the best dog I've ever had the privilege to call my partner and my friend," he said.

Diesel's cancer was discovered last month. Tests were run after Gallegos felt a lump under his chin and the vet found another lump in one of his paws.

An ultrasound showed Diesel had cancer on his liver and in his lungs.

His condition worsened quickly, and on Thursday, the decision was made to put him down.

"The vets didn't like how he ... was barely eating," Gallegos said. When they listened to his lungs, they could hear he was having trouble breathing.

The end came suddenly for Sky too.

On Tuesday, he became sick while working at a search area, said Kraft, who took Sky to the vet to have tests run.

"I asked the vets, 'What was the word?'" Kraft said, his voice quivering. "They said, 'It's not good.' They said he's not going to make it past the weekend."



JENNIFER H. SVAN/Stars and Stripes

Personnel at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, render a final salute to military working dogs Sky and Diesel on Friday as they are transported off base.



Photos above and right by Crystal Pyle

Staff Sgt. Antonio Gallegos, a military working dog handler at Ramstein, says a final good-bye to his dog, Diesel, on Friday.

The tests had found cancer in Sky's liver and spleen.

The airmen spoiled Sky and Diesel one last time before their final farewell, spending about \$60 at the commissary Thursday on T-bone and ribeye steaks, Cheez Whiz, and peanut butter for the dogs. They each took a room at the kennel and slept with their dogs in bunk beds.

The veterinarians and their staff at the



Gallegos, left, and Staff Sgt. Andrew T. Kraft pose with their Belgian Malinois military working dogs, Diesel and Sky, respectively, on Friday, at Ramstein.

Army veterinarian clinic on Vogelweh were waiting for them when they arrived Friday morning.

Gallegos was holding Diesel's paw when the two dogs were euthanized — at the same time, in the same room, Kraft said.

American flags were draped over Sky and Diesel after they breathed their final breaths.

"It was way too many tears," Gallegos

said. "I thought I got all my crying out last night."

The large crowd that turned out Friday to salute Sky and Diesel as they left Ramstein one last time "honored them as fallen heroes, just as if they were human," he said through tears.

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Missing Camp Pendleton Marine found safe at Texas rest stop

Associated Press

RICHLAND, Texas — A U.S. Marine believed to have left Arizona for California's Camp Pendleton never arrived but was found days later at a Texas rest area, unharmed.

Lance Cpl. Job Wallace was taken into custody Saturday night by Naval Criminal Investigative Service and other law enforcement officers at a rest area in

Navarro County, according to an NCIS statement cited by The San Diego Union-Tribune.

The 20-year-old had last been seen leaving a friend's house in Surprise, Ariz., on the night of Sept. 16, his mother, Stacy Wallace, said. He was due back at Camp Pendleton after a three-day leave that took him home to the suburbs west of Phoenix and a camping trip.

About an hour south of Dallas, Navarro County is more than 1,100 miles east of Surprise and in the opposite direction from Camp Pendleton in Southern California.

The statement from Kurt Thomas, the special agent in charge of the NCIS Marine Corps West field office, did not include details about how Wallace was found or what he was doing.

Stacy Wallace had said her son loved the Marines and was excited to get back to Camp Pendleton, having been recently promoted.

Wallace's mother had said law enforcement officials told her that her son's phone was last pinged Monday night in Arizona. But a Border Patrol camera spotted his truck the next morning traveling east on Interstate 10 near Fort Hancock, Texas, southeast of El

Paso.

A Surprise police spokesman had said officers took a report and turned the matter over to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

Thomas' Saturday night statement thanked law enforcement partners in Texas, Arizona and on the federal level "for their aid in bringing this to a safe resolution."

PACIFIC

US dedicates new \$275M hospital at Camp Humphreys

By KIM GAMEL
Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea—After years of delays, the U.S. military held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday for a new, \$275 million hospital, marking a turning point in the relocation of most American forces to this expanded base south of Seoul.

The opening of the 68-bed Brian D. Allgood Army Community Hospital, also known as BAACH, allows its namesake facility on Yongsan Garrison in Seoul to close. The new hospital, which had already offered outpatient services, will officially open for inpatients on Nov. 15.

The U.S. military broke ground for the hospital and ambulatory care center in November 2012 on land that had been used for helicopter hangars. But construction problems and quality control issues filled the years that followed, as the South Korean contractor Samsung C&T Corp. struggled to meet rigid U.S. standards.

The final product offers improvements over the Yongsan facility, including a urology and pulmonology department, single-patient rooms, a new MRI and a robotic surgical system, officials said. It also has increased social and spiritual space.

"This environmentally friendly state-of-the-art complex was constructed to keep pace with the growth of Camp Humphreys," Brig. Gen. Jack Davis, deputy commander of the Regional Health Command-Pacific, said during the dedication ceremony on Friday.

It will also eliminate the need for servicemembers and their families to commute to Seoul, about 55 miles north of Humphreys, for many medical services including childbirth and behavioral health care.

The South Koreans spent \$225

million on the construction of the hospital, while the Americans spent about \$50 million on equipping the facility, according to David Fortune, who has overseen the project for the deputy regional program manager for the Army's health facility planning agency.

He said 96% of the equipment is new because the items at Yongsan were too old to continue using.

The Yongsan facility is due to close on Oct. 1, but officials have moved to fill the vacuum by increasing medical staff at the nearby Osan Air Base and other installations until the Nov. 15 opening date.

Americans also can go to South Korean hospitals, which often have partnerships with the military to provide English-speaking services.

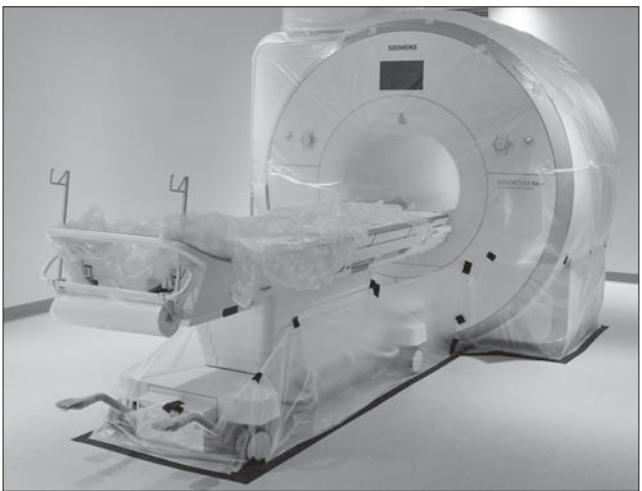
The hospital, like the Yongsan facility, was named for Col. Brian D. Allgood, a former hospital commander who was killed with 11 other troops when their helicopter was shot down in 2007 in Iraq. His mother, widow and other relatives and friends attended the ceremony.

"This structure stands as a tribute to Col. Allgood's desire to provide the best health care to those who serve here on the Korean Peninsula," said Ricardo Alcantara, who served alongside Allgood.

It's one of the last major facilities to open on Humphreys, which has grown to a population of more than 32,000 people after U.S. Forces Korea and other commands moved their headquarters there from Yongsan and other bases closer to the border with North Korea as part of a 2004 agreement with the South.

South Korea has funded most of the nearly \$11 billion construction on the base.

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A new MRI machine is still wrapped in protective plastic during final preparations at Brian D. Allgood Army Community Hospital on Camp Humphreys, South Korea, on Sept. 16. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the hospital was held Friday.



The new hospital features four state-of-the-art operating rooms.



Above: The hospital is scheduled to officially open Nov. 15. Right: A labor and delivery room is shown.



MILITARY

2 US WWII vets are given Dutch military award

Stars and Stripes

Dutch paratroopers jumped onto an old World War II battlefield last week to present a Dutch military award to an American veteran and the son of another who helped liberate the Netherlands from Nazi Germany.

Army WWII veterans Gene Metcalfe and Robert C. Blankenship, who themselves parachuted into Groesbeek, Netherlands, 75 years ago, were recognized Wednesday with the Orange Lanyard of the Military Order of William.

Blankenship's son Richard accepted the award for his father, who died of a heart attack in 1970.

The men were serving with the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division when they dropped into the Groesbeek region as part of Operation Market Garden on September 17, 1944. The campaign eventually led to the liberation of Dutch cities from Nazi German occupation.

"It is a lot more pleasurable

than it was 75 years ago," Metcalfe was quoted as saying in a U.S. Army account of the event. "The Dutch people are just so grateful. It's just like coming home."

Metcalfe, who was 22 years old at the time, was wounded by an enemy artillery round during a firefight with a German tank division and was taken as a prisoner of war.

"This is beyond anything I could have imagined. Seventy-five years ago, they don't even know you're alive and now everyone wants to get to know you and show their appreciation," he said.

Robert Blankenship, on the other hand, had been in the first boat of an assault wave to cross the Waal River during a daring daylight operation to take back enemy territory.

"As the next set of boats was preparing to land, an enemy machine gun opened fire from their left flank, wounding several men and pinning down the larger landing," the Army account stated.

Robert Blankenship crossed 100 yards of open terrain, getting



PHOTOS BY ETHAN VALETSKY/U.S. Army

Gene Metcalfe, a World War II veteran and former POW, salutes the crowd after being awarded the Military Order of William in Groesbeek, Netherlands, on Wednesday. Sitting at right is Richard Blankenship, who accepted the award on behalf of his late father, Robert C. Blankenship.

to within 50 yards of the machine gun. He took aim with his rifle and killed the four-man crew.

He then tackled a nearby German sniper, knocking him unconscious with his fists.

His actions earned him the Silver Star in December 1944.

"We really didn't know much about his story as kids growing up," his son said. "He never talked about his time in the war, not until the final few years before he passed."

The Orange Lanyard award was pinned onto Metcalfe's coat and Richard Blankenship was given his father's award in a small display case.

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Metcalfe wears his Orange Lanyard after being awarded the Military Order of William.

POW/MIA day marked with US-UK parachute jump

By COREY DICKSTEIN
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WASHINGTON — Army Master Sgt. Chris Malone admired the Washington skyline Friday afternoon as he jumped 6,000 feet from a UH-Black Hawk and displayed the black Prisoner of War/Missing in Action flag for the crowd gathered on the Pentagon parade grounds.

Malone, a paratrooper with the Army Special Operations Command's Black Daggers parachute demonstration team, said it was an honor to participate in the Pentagon's annual National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

The ceremony honors the more than 140,000 American service-members who have been held

in POW camps and the tens of thousands more who have gone missing in wars fought in foreign lands.

"I absolutely could not pass up the opportunity to pay homage to those who have served and sacrificed," Malone, a native of Fairfax, Va., said after making the jump. "It was an amazing feeling to get to honor the POWs and those missing in action, and ... to see this area from the point of view today — just awesome."

The ceremony featured a brief speech by Deputy Defense Secretary David Norquist. The event was attended by several former POWs and their family members.

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Master Sgt. Chris Malone, of the U.S. Army Special Operations Command's Black Daggers parachute team, flies the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action flag as he jumps over the Pentagon on Friday.



World War II prisoner of war Jerry Wolf, center, who was captured after his B-17 bomber was shot down over Europe in 1944, speaks with a U.S. and a British soldier on Friday.



Members of the U.S. Army's Black Daggers parachute team and the British Army's Red Devils parachute team jump over the Pentagon on Friday during the National POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony.

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MILITARY

4 Marine Ospreys fly to Hawaii after Australia exercise

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

FORT SHAFTER, Hawaii — Four MV-22 Ospreys arrived in Hawaii on Thursday from Australia, the fourth trans-Pacific flight the tilt-rotor aircraft have made.

The Ospreys were part of the Marine Rotational Force-Darwin aviation combat element, the Marine Corps said in a statement Friday.

The Ospreys had spent the past six months in Australia training in more than a dozen exercises across the country, the statement said.

Accompanying the Ospreys,

which are part of Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 363, Reinforced, were two KC-130J Hercules cargo planes.

“Being able to fly our aircraft from Australia to Hawaii is a great example of the flexibility and options that the Ospreys create for a commander,” Maj. Kyle Ladwig, operations officer for Squadron 363, said in the statement.

The Ospreys and Hercules stopped at islands on the route so that aircrews could rest and refuel the aircraft.

“On this trip, we pioneered a southerly island-hopping route with plentiful divers to safely employ the MV-22s to or from



COLIN KENNARD/U.S. Marine Corps

Marine Corps MV-22 Ospreys take flight Friday from Cassidy International Airport, Kiribati, during their trans-Pacific flight between Australia and Hawaii.

[Darwin] and Hawaii,” Capt. Anthony Walters, the KC-130J strategic area refueling commander for the trans-Pacific mission, said in the statement.

Ospreys — which are capable

of landing and taking off like helicopters but can fly at fixed-wing speeds — made their first trans-Pacific flight between the Hawaii and Australia in April 2017, departing from Marine Corps Base

Hawaii for the roughly 6,000-mile trip.

In May, four Ospreys flew to Hawaii from Okinawa, Japan.

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Mocks: Russia's S-400 may rival US' Patriot missile

FROM FRONT PAGE

Though the United States generally claims to offer superiority, some weapons systems produced by Russia are challenging that. Chief among them is the S-400 missile defense system, a widely touted — though ultimately untested — rival to the U.S.-made Patriot missile system.

The attack on the oil facilities in the Saudi districts of Khurais and Abqaiq on Saturday morning appeared to involve cruise missiles and drones that were able to avoid detection by and activation of Saudi Arabia's missile defense system.

Notably, that system includes Patriot batteries and it is generally designed to combat ballistic missiles and airplanes that can be spotted from further away.

As cruise missiles and drones can fly closer to the ground, the curvature of the Earth makes them harder for radar to spot unless the radar is elevated.

Russia's systems are capable of using mobile radar masts to combat that problem. The S-400 is also designed to operate in any direction, whereas Patriot systems are limited to whatever direction they are set up in. Some analysts have suggested that many of the Patriot batteries deployed near the oil facilities targeted Saturday may not have been looking in the right direction to detect the attack.

“This Saudi attack shows the absolute imperative of 360 degree capability,” said Tom Karako, the director of the Missile Defense Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

While Russia's S-400 system may have impressive specifications on paper, many analysts are cautious in their assessment of it. It has not been fully tested in real life, whereas the Patriot system successfully intercepted missiles during both the Gulf War and the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Some research has also pointed to potential weak spots in the S-400's system. Russia's military industrial complex is known



Russian Ministry of Defense

A row of Russian S-400 surface-to-air missile launchers are shown during an exercise in Sevastopol, Russia, in 2018. Though U.S. weapons generally offer superiority, Russia is challenging that with the S-400.

for its secrecy about potential military failures. In recent months, the country has seen a mysterious missile explosion and a deadly accident on a nuclear submarine, while last year a covert Russian mercenary group in Syria suffered a humiliating defeat by U.S. forces.

But Moscow disputes the efficacy of U.S. weapons as well. As Zakharova said Friday, Russia dismissed the impact of missile strikes by the United States, along with Britain and France, in April 2018 on targets in Syria after the use of chemical weapons by forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad.

At the time, Russia claimed that Syrian air defenses had shot down 71 of 103 mis-

siles fired; the Pentagon denied this figure and Moscow provided no evidence. Russia has supplied antimissile systems to Syria, but it said that S-400s deployed to protect a Russian base in Syria only monitored the attack.

For all the rivalry between American and Russian weapons systems, the battle has mostly played out on the political level so far. Moscow has courted a number of U.S. allies to purchase Russia's missile defense systems, which cost considerably less than their American counterparts. India and Qatar have publicly mulled buying the S-400.

NATO ally Turkey announced it intended to buy the system this summer, prompt-

ing the United States to suspend Turkish involvement with the American F-35 program.

Kathryn Wheelbarger, U.S. acting assistant secretary of defense, had said in May that the “S-400 is a Russian system designed to shoot down an aircraft like the F-35,” an advanced U.S. stealth fighter.

In theory, the range of a surface-to-air missiles carried by an F-35 should allow it to destroy an S-400 before it is detected by its radar, but that idea has not been tested in practice.

Both Washington and Moscow likely hope that it will never will be. For both countries, a little ambiguity can be lucrative.

MILITARY

Cardboard boats make a splash at Aviano base event

By NORMAN LLAMAS
Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — The red-white-and-blue couldn't defeat the olive-drab-and-silver at Aviano Air Base's inaugural cardboard boat race in Italy last week.

But the captains of the star-spangled boat, brothers Asher, 8, and Zachary Odom, 5 — whose collective age barely made them teenagers — won a trophy at Thursday's race for the most creative entry, while an adult team from the Outdoor Recreation Department paddled the fastest for a length of the base pool to win the race.

"It took us about eight hours to build our boat," said Savannah Inman, a member of the winning team. "We used cardboard and wrapped it all with about 12 rolls of duct tape."

All four teams made their own boats and went home with a tro-

phy. The boat crews were vastly outnumbered by those who stood at the side of the base pool and cheered them on during the race, which was co-organized by Outdoor Recreation and the Community Center, part of the 31st Fighter Wing's Force Support Squadron.

Aviano holds community-building events regularly, but this time, "I wanted to do something new, something different," said Cathy Garcia, an event programmer with the Community Center.

Garcia got the idea for the event from her brother, who was deployed to Qatar, where his unit held similar events, she said.

"I think everyone had fun today," Garcia said. "They all worked well together, and it showed in their creations ... We certainly look forward to hosting this event again."

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Above: Contestants compete in a cardboard boat race at Aviano Air Base, Italy, on Thursday. Left: Drake and Teal Nash maneuver their vessel during the race. Drake, 9, and Teal, 11, finished the race in second place.

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VETERANS

With muleskinner's death, only 9 famed Marauders remain

By WYATT OLSON
Stars and Stripes

At age 98 and living his last days in a hospice facility in northern Michigan, Henry C. Smith wanted to set the Army's record straight on what happened 75 years ago in the jungles of Burma.

Former Sgt. Smith — a member of the famed Merrill's Marauders that waged guerrilla warfare on the occupying Japanese — was leading an intelligence and reconnaissance patrol of roughly a dozen men in April 1944.

They chanced upon an enemy patrol perhaps 20 times their size, and the Marauders fought it out for several days before running out of ammunition.

The five surviving Marauders were captured and "subjected to beatings, humiliation and starvation," according to the citation accompanying the Silver Star that Smith was awarded by the unit's namesake, Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill.

Smith, however, tricked one of his captors into untying the ropes binding him, and the 21-year-old soldier overpowered and killed him. He then single-handedly killed eight other guards before releasing the other U.S. prisoners and escaping into the jungle, the Silver Star citation states.

But it wasn't eight, Smith told Wes Goldman, a former Army Ranger who befriended the old veteran in the months before his death on Aug. 5.

"I don't think they're telling the truth about that," Smith told Goldman. "I think they're exaggerating. I think I only killed five guys."

On Saturday, Smith's cremated remains were buried in a cemetery near the tiny town of Irons, Mich., where he'd lived before being hospitalized with cancer. A "celebration of life" will be held later at Oak Grove Tavern, according to his obituary.

"Henry was a local moonshiner and friend to all," the obituary said.

He leaves behind no surviving family, having never married or had any children. He has no living siblings.

With Smith's death, only nine veterans of Merrill's Marauders are known to be living, said Jonnie Mellilo Clasen, whose father, Vincent Mellilo, was a Marauder who died in 2015.

Descendants of the unit are urging lawmakers to award Merrill's Marauders the Congressional Gold Medal.

Officially designated the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), the Marauders' roughly 3,000 men used mobility and surprise to compensate for the far greater numbers of Japanese troops they fought beginning in early 1944.

In the unit's final assault that began in May 1944, the soldiers marched a grueling 60 miles over the Kunon Mountain range to the town of Myitkyina. There, the Marauders — winnowed to a force of just 1,300 men by disease, malnutrition and casualties — attacked and seized the town's crucial airfield.

It was not until August that the badly depleted Marauder force, joined by Chinese troops, finally took the town of Myitkyina. The 5307th was disbanded just days after that conquest.

Marauder veterans organized reunions for decades, and when they became too old, so their children organized Merrill's Marauder's Proud Descendants to help them stay connected. That group was activated in 2016, which

meant no more news and updates would be sent to the veterans and their families, Clasen said. As Veteran's Day neared that year, she decided to send care packages to all living survivors to let them know they had not been forgotten.

After three months of research, she determined 28 remained alive — although in the following years she discovered a few she had missed. She attempted to contact each of them by phone.

"Henry Smith was one of the Marauders I talked to," Clasen said. "He was adorable. He was very funny."

"He said, 'I'm just an old muleskinner in a wheelchair and I live alone. If you call me and keep on calling and I don't answer, that means I've gone on. But while you're calling around, if you find another muleskinner out there, I would like to talk to him.'"

The muleskinner's job was to feed, pack and cajole the unit's mules, which were the primary way to move supplies, radios and weapons around the jungles of Burma.

Goldman, whose wife works at the nursing home that provided Smith's hospice care, said the old veteran preferred talking about his working years at an auto plant in Grand Rapids rather than about the war.

Getting him to talk about World War II was "like pulling teeth," he said, but as time went on, Smith



Photos by Jonnie Mellilo Clasen

On his 98th birthday, May 20, Silver Star recipient Henry C. Smith poses with former Army Rangers Jose Mortenson, left, and Wes Goldman in Traverse City, Mich. Smith died on Aug. 5.



Smith, left, stands beside his brother in an undated photo taken during World War II.

grew more comfortable talking with the former member of the Army Rangers, which traces its lineage to the Marauders.

"He told me they started out with 200 mules in his group, and by the time it was over there were five mules left," Goldman said.

"They didn't have any place to hide during the firefights, and airbursts from Japanese took out the mules because they didn't have a place to get down."

"After they got killed, they tended to become food."

Smith told him of the Marauders sailing for India in fall 1943 when a U-boat torpedoed and sank one of the ships in the Arabian Sea.

Smith lost friends on the ship, and the unit lost a good many more.

He received a Purple Heart for wounds to his wrist and forehead while in the jungle.



Smith stands astride two mules during World War II.

"He was very modest, very humble. He didn't necessarily think he did anything all that special," Goldman said.

With a chuckle, he added, "I disagreed with him."

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MILITARY

Half-ruined base in Puerto Rico loses funding

Money for hurricane recovery pulled for Mexico border wall

By PAUL SONNE
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SALINAS, Puerto Rico—When Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico two years ago, it smashed through the National Guard training base here, sending the plaques that Maj. Gen. Jon. Jose Reyes gathered over his U.S. Army career into the howl of an unforgiving wind.

The base, known as Camp Santiago, emerged from the storm much like the rest of the island: damaged, shocked and determined to recover against dim economic odds.

So when Reyes helped secure \$331.5 million for the base from the Pentagon's treasured construction budget, officials thought Maria's clouds had come with a silver lining.

The money would not only rebuild Camp Santiago. Now, for the first time, an island that regularly sends its men and women to war for the United States would get a modern, hurricane-proof training ground for its guard.

Or so Puerto Rico thought.

Early this month, the Pentagon announced that 127 military construction projects approved by Congress would be defunded under emergency authorities to free up \$3.6 billion for President Donald Trump's border barrier on the southern border with Mexico.

Among the shelved construction projects: plans to rebuild Camp Santiago.

For Reyes, the adjutant general of the Puerto Rico National Guard, the news was a crushing disappointment. He said the National Guard leadership in Washington assured him that Congress would take up the projects again. Reyes is hopeful but uncertain.

"There's no guarantee in life," he said, leavening his discouragement with a dash of fatalism.

"Eventually we will die. That's the only guarantee in life."

Hurricane Maria damaged or ruined 60 percent of the buildings at Camp Santiago. Workers have already razed the headquarters building and mess halls that the storm mangled beyond repair.

Down the road, the maintenance garage's doors don't close because the wind twisted them out of shape. The roof on one maintenance bay still looks like a loosely shuffled deck of cards.

Some guardsmen preparing to go to war are training elsewhere because the storm halved the base's capacity. One engineering battalion, deploying to Afghanistan next year, trained in North Dakota.

Officially, the Trump administration says the 127 projects the Pentagon has defunded for the wall have been "deferred" rather than canceled. For the projects to proceed, however, Congress must once again appropriate funding for them, a process the administration calls "backfilling."

The Republican-led Senate has agreed to backfill the \$3.6 billion worth of projects in its version of the annual defense policy bill. But Democrats, who control the House of Representatives, have refused to reappropriate money for projects that Congress has already funded.

Puerto Rico has more projects on the list than any other U.S. territory or state. Of the \$3.6 billion worth of defunded construction projects the Pentagon unveiled this month, \$402.6 million, or nearly 12% of the funds, had been



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National Guard unit spaces are shown at Camp Santiago in southern Puerto Rico after the installation was hit by Hurricane Maria. The base's recovery funds were pulled to help fund the Mexico border wall.

destined for Puerto Rico. The list includes projects in 23 states, three U.S. territories and 20 counties, and cuts across Republican and Democratic districts.

In addition to taking money from Camp Santiago, the Pentagon also pulled funding from hurricane reconstruction projects for the Puerto Rico National Guard elsewhere on the island and from a project to replace a school for military and civilian children at a Coast Guard base here.

Reyes said that one of the defunded projects is a hurricane-proof hangar for helicopters, which would guarantee the guard has working aircraft to conduct search and rescue missions after future storms.

Lt. Col. Chris Mitchell, a Pentagon spokesman, said the Defense Department considers the projects in Puerto Rico important and will continue to work with Congress to support them in a bipartisan fashion.

The situation traces back to a dispute between Trump and Congress late last year over how much money the federal government would provide for barriers on the southern border. The standoff caused the longest U.S. government shutdown before Trump, in February, declared a national emergency, vowing to skirt Congress and tap Pentagon funds for

the wall.

Much of the money will come from planned construction projects that the Pentagon has frozen, including nine new or renovated schools for military children, a day care center and hurricane recovery efforts. Some of the defunded projects were approved to address safety hazards at military sites.

On the campaign trail, Trump promised Mexico would pay for the wall.

In choosing which construction projects to defund, the Defense Department decided not to take money from military housing after the department faced an outcry over poor conditions at residences for U.S. servicemen, including instances of black mold, vermin and lead paint.

As a result, all the projects at Camp Santiago have been put on ice except the \$112 million construction of new barracks. Once the barracks are built, however, guardsmen staying there won't have proper dining facilities. Many of the old mess halls were ruined, and their replacements are among the defunded projects that total \$219.5 million on base.

For some Puerto Ricans, it's the latest in a series of slights by the Trump administration against the island's roughly 3.1 million U.S. citizens.

Since facing criticism for his response to Hurricane Maria, Trump has suggested that the island is a burden. He alleged that Democrats inflated the hurricane's death toll "in order to make me look as bad as possible." Recently, he also suggested trading the U.S. territory for Greenland.

Today at Camp Santiago, two of the three buildings at the base's central Warriors Plaza — dedicated to the more than 17,500 Puerto Rico guardsmen who have deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq and other operations in the global war on terrorism since Sept. 11, 2001 — are gone, razed.

The construction projects were supposed to restore Camp Santiago's capacity to house a full battalion and expand the base to house more than one. That way guardsmen deploying to war can train together as a unit.

For officials on base, the reconstruction is also a matter of pride.

"When we go out, when we have been mobilized, we have been in war with other National Guardsmen from other states," said Col. Carlos Caez-Sierra, the head of construction and facilities. "We fight the same wars. We have the same missions. When you go to train in their states, their facilities are state of the art."

Caez-Sierra expressed confidence that Washington would ultimately come through with the funds for Camp Santiago.

"We have our hopes that it is going to be approved in the next fiscal year," he said. "We are very optimistic that the president is going to take into consideration the service that we have provided to the nation."

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Puerto Rico National Guard

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NATION

Trump suggests Biden mentioned in Ukraine call

BY FELICIA SONNEZ
The Washington Post

President Donald Trump suggested Sunday that he mentioned former Vice President Joe Biden and his son, Hunter Biden, in a phone call with the leader of Ukraine, amid swirling questions about whether Trump sought to use his influence to seek re-election help from a foreign country.

In an exchange with reporters outside the White House before departing for events in Texas and Ohio, Trump was asked about his July 25 conversation with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. The Washington Post reported last week that Trump pressured Zelensky to investigate a company with ties to Hunter Biden, and the call between Trump and Zelensky is the subject of an extraordinary whistleblower complaint.

"The conversation I had was largely congratulatory, was largely cordial, all of the corruption taking place was largely the fact that we don't want people, like Vice President Biden and his son, creating to the corruption already in the Ukraine," Trump told reporters. "And Ukraine, Ukraine's got a lot of problems."

Trump has denied that he has done anything untoward in his conversations with world leaders and had previously declined to say whether he spoke with Zelensky about Biden.

The president's apparent confirmation that he mentioned Biden on the call came as his allies were scrambling to deny that he did so.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said there is "no direct evidence" that Trump asked Zelensky to investigate Biden or his family, saying the allegation is "based on hearsay reports."

"I just frankly can't imagine why people have lost their minds so much over these daily reports of one thing or another that seem to consume everyone's attention in the news coverage," Cornyn told reporters ahead of Trump's event in Houston.

On NBC News' "Meet the Press," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin repeatedly declined to say whether it was appropriate for the president to ask a foreign leader to investigate a political rival and suggested that Trump did not pressure Zelensky.

"You're speculating that the president pressured. I don't have any reason to believe that the president pressured ... in any way," Mnuchin said.

Rudy Giuliani, Trump's personal attorney, said in a phone call Sunday morning with The

Washington Post that he has been "working for months for this moment" and this week will "keep pushing and pushing" to highlight the Biden family's finances. He alluded to new materials he may cite this week but declined to offer specifics.

When asked if Trump has given Giuliani's efforts his blessing, Giuliani said, "I don't do anything that involves my client without speaking with my client."

On Saturday, Biden, who is leading in polls for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination, swung back at Trump and challenged the president to release a transcript of his phone call with Zelensky.

"Trump's doing this because he knows I will beat him like a drum and is using the abuse of power and every element of the presidency to try and smear," Biden told reporters at the Polk County, Iowa, Steak Fry.

News of Trump's call with Zelensky came to light after an intelligence official whistleblower shared with the intelligence agency's inspector general that the official had heard Trump make a promise to a foreign leader that wasn't appropriate.

Subsequent reporting has found that the call was with Ukraine and related to Trump's desire to get dirt on his possible political opponent. Congress has not been provided a copy of the actual complaint filed by the whistleblower.

Trump also on Sunday took aim at Biden for saying that he never spoke with his son about his overseas business dealings, telling reporters, "I mean, give me a break."

"This is a very dishonest thing that Joe Biden did," Trump said, repeating his attacks on the Biden's family business dealings. "And then he said he never spoke to his son. Does anybody believe that one?"

Trump has repeatedly claimed that he did not speak to his son, Donald Trump Jr., in advance about a June 2016 Trump Tower meeting at which Russians had offered to provide dirt on Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton.

Trump administration officials and Republican lawmakers defended the president and sought to place the focus on Biden in appearances on the Sunday morning news shows.

In his "Meet the Press" interview, Mnuchin argued that rather than focusing on "confidential discussions" between two world leaders, "I really think that the real issue here is not what the president said but what indeed Biden's son do."

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Rudy Giuliani, Trump's personal attorney, said in a phone call Sunday morning with The



Jackson Carter and Veronica Savage wait for passes to enter the Storm Area 51 Basecamp event on Friday in Hiko, Nev. Although a large crowd was expected to attend the gathering, authorities said the number peaked at about 3,000.

JOHN LOCHER/AP

Earthlings dwindle, music fades at Area 51 gathering in Nevada

BY KEN RITTER
Associated Press

HIKO, Nev. — Bands played to a dwindling crowd of Earthlings late Saturday at one remaining festival spawned by a "Storm Area 51" internet craze in the remote Nevada desert.

Lights were dark at another venue where promoters pulled the plug because of low attendance.

Little A'L'e'Inn owner Connie West vowed that a music program topped by the Los Angeles band Wily Savage would continue until midnight, as scheduled, in the tiny town of Rachel.

But bands playing from a temporary stage faced few people beneath a sky full of stars at a dusty venue where authorities tallied a peak of about 3,000 attendees on Friday.

"Things are ramping down," Lincoln County emergency services chief Eric Holt said as darkness fell and first-responders

ers from around the state began heading home.

"Area 51 Basecamp" was already dark, after pulling the plug the morning after a Friday concert and vendors event that drew just 500 attendees in Hiko.

"We put on a safe event for the people that showed up," promoter Keith Wright said. "It was a gamble financially. We lost."

West, in Rachel, said she was sad to hear the Hiko festival didn't succeed.

"This is the most fabulous time," West said. "It's been a great turnout, and it wasn't the humanitarian disaster that everyone claimed it would be."

Holt, who said resources had been mustered to handle up to 30,000 people, called the low turnout a "best-case" scenario for a county with 5,200 residents in an area the size of Massachusetts. The county dipped into a \$250,000 emergency fund to deal with an event that drew interest-

ed internet clicks from more than 2 million Facebook users.

Despite an initial suggestion that people rush the fests, festival organizers and authorities discouraged people from entering the military base.

More than 1,000 people visited gates Thursday and Friday, and more made the trek on long dirt roads near Rachel on Saturday.

Officials reported six arrests overall, mostly for misdemeanor trespassing on base property, a \$1,000 fine.

In Lincoln County, Sheriff Kerry Lee said about 20 people broke from among revelers early Saturday and "acted like they were going to storm, but stopped short."

While costumed space aliens were a common and sometimes hilarious sight in events that began Thursday, no one has reported seeing actual extraterrestrials or UFOs.

3 dead, 4 hospitalized in Pittsburgh; all victims wore orange wristbands

BY ALEX HORTON
The Washington Post

The calls started after 3 a.m. Sunday, with reports of an unconscious man in the south side of Pittsburgh wearing an orange wristband.

He was taken to a hospital.

In another call, from about two blocks away in an apartment building on the Monongahela River, a resident reported a man unconscious in an elevator. The resident pulled him out and tried CPR before police and paramedics tried to revive the man, who also wore an orange wristband.

He was pronounced dead at the scene, Chris Togneri, a city public safety spokesman, said Sunday.

Then before dawn, authori-

ties discovered a horrific scene at the same apartment building: two more dead men and three other victims with undescribed ailments ranging from serious to critical, Togneri said, and all with the same orange wristbands.

Police are racing to piece together what happened and believe the incident stems from a drug overdose, Togneri said. They have identified two venues that wore orange wristbands, Togneri said, but declined to name them — saying only that they held "concerts or parties."

"We're trying to figure out where they were last night," Togneri said.

Officials stressed they don't believe tainted drugs were distributed in large volume with the

potential to harm others.

"It appears to have been isolated to a single location," officials said in a statement. "However, police are concerned about a tainted, potentially deadly batch of drugs in the community."

Authorities have released few details. Public Safety Director Wendell Hirsch told reporters that he didn't believe there was a party at the building, suggesting that the victims had arrived there after a night out.

Hirsch speculated the two men who were found earlier "were trying to make their way back to this location" and exhibited similar symptoms.

Paramedics tested the air inside the building and deemed it safe, Hirsch said.

NATION

Tips: Police try to balance constitutional rights, safety

FROM FRONT PAGE

lived in a rundown motor home parked near industrial buildings.

In the weeks since three high-profile shootings in three states took the lives of more than two dozen people in just one week in August, law enforcement authorities nationwide reported a spike in tips — from concerned relatives, friends and co-workers — about people who appear bent on carrying out the next mass shooting.

Some of those would-be shooters sent text messages to friends or posted on social media that they hoped to one-up previous mass shootings by killing more people.

Law enforcement authorities and experts say the reasons for the increase in tips and heightened awareness of thwarted mass shootings vary.

In some cases, it's the so-called "contagion effect" in which intense media coverage of mass shootings leads to more people seeking to become copycat killers. In other cases, it's a reflection of the general public being more aware of warning signs when a friend or relative or co-worker is in an emotional crisis — and more willing to tip off police.

On average, the Federal Bureau of Investigation receives about 22,000 tips about potential threats of violence weekly.

Following the high-profile shootings during the first week of August in Gilroy, Calif.; El Paso, Texas; and Dayton, Ohio that killed 34 people and wounded nearly 70, the volume of calls to federal authorities increased by about 15,000 each week.

Mass shootings tend to plant the idea of carrying out a rampage or at least encourage the idea in potential mass shooters, each seeking notoriety or striving to "out-do" others with higher death tolls, said sociologist James Densley, a criminal justice professor at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minn., who



JOHN LOCHER/AP

People crowd around a makeshift memorial, on Aug. 6, at the scene of a mass shooting at a shopping complex in El Paso, Texas. In the days and weeks since three high-profile shootings took the lives of more than two dozen people in just a week's time police have seen a spike in the number of tips they are receiving of people who might carry out the next mass shooting.

studies mass shootings and the people who perpetrate them.

And the general public, in turn, becomes more aware of the possibility of mass shootings, heightening people's willingness to speak out if a friend, relative or co-worker appears to be in the midst of a crisis and plotting carnage, Densley said. In addition, the media focuses not only on the actual shootings but also on those that are foiled.

But identifying and predicting who the next shooter will be is challenging for authorities, he said.

The reason? Mass shootings remain rare events and there's no one basic profile for the gunmen. The demographics of school shooters and their motivations are vastly different from someone who carries out carnage in a place of worship. The same holds true for those who carry out workplace shootings.

"When it comes to thinking about the profile of a mass shooter what our research is starting to uncover is there's not really one profile of a mass shooter," Densley said.

But the one common thread is that there are usually warning

signs in the days and weeks leading up to the shootings, with many shooters taking to social media to vent outrage at whatever is troubling them.

Greg Shaffer, a retired FBI agent who now is a private security consultant specializing in active shooters and terrorism, said in an interview that the challenge for law enforcement is the juggling act of trying to balance the public's safety while not trampling on Americans' constitutional rights. For example, at what point does a troubling social media post constitute an illegal threat versus simple venting that's protected by the First Amendment?

"The real rub is where do you draw the line between First, Second and Fourth Amendment rights?" he said. "We allow hate speech. It's freedom of speech. Where do you decide that it's no longer posturing and now it's a threat? ... At what point do you crash his pad and take away his guns? You can't be the thought police."

Shaffer added: "That's the hard part in law enforcement. You don't want to trample those rights because it's vital to our institution."

The other challenge is more practical, said Houston Police Chief Hubert Acevedo. It's impossible for law enforcement in real time to pore over social media posts and quickly isolate those showing that someone poses a real threat.

"There's just so much traffic on social media, in cyberspace, that it's like looking for a needle in a haystack," said Acevedo, the president of the Major Cities Chiefs Association representing police chiefs and sheriffs for the largest U.S. and Canadian cities.

The public's cooperation — and their willingness to risk angering a friend, relative or co-worker by informing on them — is key to stopping mass shootings ahead of time, he said.

In Long Beach, Calif., where police disrupted the possible plans to carry out the hotel attack, Police Chief Robert Luna thanked hotel staff for warning investigators.

"Instead of us visiting each other in hospitals or making funeral plans," Luna said, "we can talk about the courage you showed."

Luna said in an interview that his department often handles

threats of mass shootings but the Marriott case was unusual because Montoya, a cook upset over human resources issues, had the guns and ammunition to carry out his plans plus equipment authorities believe could be used to make ammunition.

"All the ingredients were there for a catastrophe," Luna said.

Montoya has been jailed for lack of \$500,000 bail and has pleaded not guilty to charges of criminal threats, dissuading a witness by force or threat and possession of an assault weapon. He faces more than five years in prison if convicted.

Luna said after the 2018 school shooting in Parkland, Fla., that 17 people dead, authorities investigated an increase in threats to Long Beach schools. Officials decided to send detectives immediately to schools — an expensive move the chief said was "absolutely worth it."

Luna welcomes the increase in tips to authorities about potential mass shooters, saying Long Beach residents have followed the "see something, say something" guidelines and report suspicious behavior to police.

Supreme Court's DC sniper case examines teen murderers' sentences

BY JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lee Boyd Malvo, who terrorized the Washington region in 2002 as one-half of a sniper team, is at the center of a case the Supreme Court will hear this fall. But the justices' eventual ruling probably will mean less for him than for a dozen other inmates who, like Malvo, now 34, were sentenced to life without parole for murders they committed as teens.

At issue for the Supreme Court is whether Malvo should be resen-

tenced in Virginia in light of Supreme Court rulings restricting life-without-parole sentences for crimes committed by juveniles. But the case could also be an opportunity for the Supreme Court, which has recently become more conservative, to put the brakes on what has been a gradual move toward more leniency for juvenile offenders.

Regardless of the case's outcome, Malvo isn't leaving prison anytime soon. He's serving four life-without-parole sentences in Virginia. He was sentenced to another six life-without-parole

terms for shootings in Maryland. But an appeals court ruled last year that Malvo should be resentenced in Virginia, the decision the Supreme Court will review.

The appeals court explained that after Malvo was sentenced, the Supreme Court issued a series of decisions affecting juvenile killers, decisions that required Malvo to be resentenced. But even if the justices were to agree that Malvo should receive new sentences in Virginia and even if he were given something short of life without parole, then he still would have to successfully get his

Maryland sentences reduced before having a shot at freedom.

"The reality is that other people have more at stake in this case than he does," said Judy Kent Lavy, the executive director of the Washington-based Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth, which has filed a Supreme Court brief supporting Malvo.

Lavy says a dozen other Virginia inmates will be affected by Malvo's case. They include Donte Jones, who was 17 when he fatally shot a convenience store employee during a robbery; Holly Landry, who was 16 when she participated

in a robbery in which a man died after being beaten with a hammer, and Jason Clem, who was 16 when he fatally stabbed his boss at the restaurant where he worked as a dishwasher.

Youth advocates have generally been pleased with the direction of the Supreme Court on juvenile sentencing in recent years.

The court has recognized that minors should be treated differently from adults, in part because of their lack of maturity and greater ability to change.

NATION

UN chief brings the heat to climate summit

By SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Saying humanity is waging war with the planet, the head of the United Nations isn't planning to let just any world leader speak about climate change at Monday's special "action summit."

Only those with new, specific and bold plans can command the podium and the ever-warming world's attention, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said.

So sit down, Brazil. Sit down, Saudi Arabia. Sit down, Poland.

"People can only speak if they come with positive steps. That is kind of a ticket," Guterres said. "For bad news don't come."

As if to underscore the seriousness of the problem, the U.N.'s World Meteorological Organization released a science report Sunday showing that in the last several years, warming, sea level rise and carbon pollution have all accelerated.

Brazil's, Poland's and Saudi Arabia's proposals for dealing with climate change fell short, so they're not on Monday's summit schedule. The United States didn't even bother, according to a U.N. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The bar isn't that high. Leaders from 64 nations, the European Union, more than a dozen companies and banks, a few cities and a state will present plans at the secretary-general's Climate Action Summit.



FERNANDO VARGAS/AP

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres is limiting who gets to speak about climate change at Monday's "action summit." Guterres said that he would allow only leaders with bold new plans to speak.

Guterres wants nations to be carbon-neutral by 2050 — in other words, they will not add more heat-trapping greenhouse gases into the air than are removed by plants and perhaps technology each year. On Sunday, 87 countries around the world pledged to decarbonize in a way consistent with one of the international community's tightest temperature goals.

There is a sense of urgency, Guterres said, because "climate

change is the defining issue of our time."

"For the first time, there is a serious conflict between people and nature, between people and the planet," Guterres said.

He wants countries to commit to no new coal power plants after 2020 and reduce carbon pollution by 45% in the next century. The purpose of the summit is to come up with new green proposals a year earlier than the 2020 deadline that is in the 2015 Paris

climate agreement.

World leaders agreed in 2009 to try to keep warming to just 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit since pre-industrial times. Then, in 2015, they added a secondary, tougher goal, at the urging of small islands, to keep warming to just 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

The new weather agency report showed that the world has warmed already by 2 degrees Fahrenheit. So that means the goals are to limit further warm-

Fifth death is linked to tropical storm in Texas

Associated Press

BEAUMONT, Texas — The widespread damage brought to the Houston area by one of the wettest tropical cyclones in U.S. history came into broader view Saturday as floodwaters receded to reveal the exhausting cleanup effort that lies ahead for many communities and homeowners.

Hundreds of homes and other buildings in the region, extending eastward from Houston and across the Louisiana border with Imelda as the one-time tropical storm slowly churned across the region, dumping more than 40 inches of rain in some spots and being blamed for at least five deaths.

Officials in Harris County, which is home to Houston, were trying to determine if millions of dollars in uninsured losses were enough to trigger a federal disaster declaration, Francisco Sanchez, a spokesman for the county's Office of Emergency Management, said Saturday.

Authorities raised the storm's death toll to five, saying it is believed to have killed a 52-year-old Florida man who was found dead Thursday in his stranded pickup

truck along Interstate 10 near Beaumont, which is near Texas' border with Louisiana.

Jefferson County spokeswoman Allison Getz said that although floodwaters seeped into Mark Dukaj's truck, investigators don't believe he drowned, though they do believe his death is storm-related. An autopsy will determine the cause.

A section of the highway just east of Houston remained closed Saturday after at least two runaway barges struck two bridges carrying eastbound and westbound traffic.

Nearly 123,000 vehicles normally cross the bridges each day, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

The Coast Guard has said that witnesses reported early Friday that nine barges had broken away from their moorings at a shipyard along the fast-moving San Jacinto River.

Two barges remain lodged against the bridges, said Emily Black, a spokeswoman for the state Transportation Department.

"The current is really very strong right now so it's kind of pushed them up against the columns," she said.



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First responders navigate floodwater in the Lochshire neighborhood of Huffman, Texas, on Friday. A tropical cyclone that hit the region last week caused flood damage and left five people dead.

Inspectors hoped that the water will recede and the current will slow down enough for the barges to be removed over the weekend so a better assessment of the damage to the bridges can be made.

Several schools in the Beaumont area were damaged by floodwaters and two are closed indefinitely as officials evaluate the extent of the damage, the Beaumont Enterprise reported. The closure of schools in two sep-

arate school districts could affect more than 3,000 students.

Counties in the region, meanwhile, imposed curfews to ensure motorists stayed off roadways that still have standing water.

Elsewhere, in Galveston County, officials said people along a Gulf Coast peninsula could be without fresh water service for a month because a water treatment plant was knocked out of operation by flooding.

ing to 1.6 degrees Fahrenheit from now or even 0.72 degrees Fahrenheit from now.

Efforts to reduce carbon pollution need to be tripled to keep from hitting the 2-degree Celsius mark and must increase fivefold to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius since pre-industrial times, the World Meteorological Organization report said.

As bad as that sounds, it's wrong and overly optimistic to use the mid-1880s as the benchmark, said Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann. Mann said that many studies, including the WMO's, are overlooking that the world warmed 0.36 degrees Fahrenheit from human causes between the mid-1700s and the 1880s.

The weather agency said the last five years were the warmest five on record and even 0.36 degrees Fahrenheit hotter than the first half of the decade, a significant jump in just a few years.

"There is a growing recognition that climate impacts are hitting harder and sooner than climate assessments indicated even a decade ago," the 28-page report said.

If the world keeps temperatures to the 1.5-degree Celsius goal instead of the 2-degree one, 420 million fewer people will be exposed to heat waves and 10 million fewer will be vulnerable to sea level rise, NASA climate scientist Cynthia Rosenzweig said Sunday at a U.N. session.

11th named storm, Karen, develops in the Atlantic

Associated Press

MIAMI — The 11th named storm of the hurricane season has developed in the Atlantic.

The National Hurricane Center said Tropical Storm Karen formed early Sunday near the Windward Islands.

Maximum sustained winds were near 40 mph.

A tropical storm warning was in effect for Trinidad and Tobago, the Grenadines and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, suggesting tropical storm conditions are likely in the next 12 hours.

A tropical storm watch also was issued for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, meaning tropical storm conditions are possible in the next 48 hours.

By midday Sunday, Karen was moving toward the west-northwest around 13 mph, and a north-west turn was expected Monday.

The storm was expected to approach Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands on Tuesday.

NATION

2020 Dems descend on Iowa for steak, beer and politics

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DES MOINES, Iowa — Democratic presidential candidates made a colorful and often loud pitch to Iowa Democrats at the Steak Fry fundraiser in Des Moines on Saturday as a new poll showed Sen. Elizabeth Warren and former Vice President Joe Biden in a close race in the state.

The event, a fundraiser for the Polk County Democratic Party and one of the biggest remaining opportunities for candidates to flex their organizing muscles in Iowa before the caucuses, came as a number of candidates are facing an uncertain future in the race and shaking up and ramping up their campaigns in an effort to break out of the pack.

With thousands of Iowa Democrats braving ominous gray skies and intermittent rain, South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg, punctuating a summerlong buildup in Iowa, drew one of the most robust receptions.

To the chants of, "Pete, Pete, Pete," the once-little-known candidate began his speech joking, "I guess I can cross out the part where it says my name is Pete Buttigieg."

California Sen. Kamala Harris announced Thursday she is going all-in on Iowa in hopes of a top-three finish despite lagging in national and Iowa polls.

"I'm moving to Iowa," Harris thundered, albeit facetiously, from the stage at a sprawling riverside park in Des Moines.

With just over four months until Iowans launch the 2020 Democratic nominating contest on Feb. 3, candidates have begun sharpening their contrasts, particularly with Warren, who is building a robust Iowa campaign.

The new Des Moines Register-CNN-Mediacom poll showed Warren running about even with Biden, who led the last poll in June.

Unlike the former vice president, who marched into the event led by a firetruck and with a marching band and hundreds of supporters in tow, or Harris, who danced along with a drum line into the fundraiser, Warren held no pre-show festivities and came in to speak at the event relatively unnoticed.

Still, the Massachusetts senator gave a rousing speech that focused on her call for President Donald Trump's impeachment and plans to address corruption in Washington.

"I know what's broken, I know

how to fix it, and we're building a grassroots movement to make it happen," she told the crowd to chants of her name.

For some of the other 19 candidates who spoke, the event was more about dire appeals to remain in the race.

New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker warned he may need to end his campaign if he's unable to raise \$1.7 million by the end of the third fundraising quarter. Booker, who entered the race last winter with key staff and backing from influential Iowans, has struggled to break through.

"This election is not an election about me; it's a team sport," Booker shouted, his voice hoarse from the impassioned delivery. "And so I'm gonna call to you right now: I need everyone's help with my campaign."

Candidates worked to turn out their supporters in force. Of the 12,000 attending, 9,000 of the tickets were provided by the campaigns. Buttigieg's and Biden's campaigns competed for turnout, with both turning out well over 1,000.

Part festival, part organizing exercise, the daylong event was quintessentially Iowa, with roots going back to veteran former Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, who held the first one more than 40 years



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren speaks at the Polk County Democrats Steak Fry on Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa. Polls show Warren and Joe Biden are in a close race in the state.

ago when first running for the House. The Polk County Democratic Party took over the steer fry after Harkin's retirement in 2015.

Democrats of all ages and their families enjoyed the traditional steaks — 10,500 were grilled by volunteers — but also had the option to order from a food truck or visit a craft beer tent. There was also artichoke salad and grilled chicken, hardly on the menu during the Harkin days.

The county's Democratic chairman, Sean Bagniewski, said the event has a "modern twist."

"That's the future of the party

— it's gonna be more women in positions of leadership, it's gonna be more people of color, and it's going to be more young people," he said.

What hasn't changed is the event's significance for the candidates.

When Barack Obama marched into the 2007 Iowa steak fry flanked by 1,000 supporters, skeptical Iowans were put on notice that he could win the state's caucus. Bagniewski said that, like in 2007, Democrats are looking for someone who can show they have the organizational strength to win.

Calif. Republican lawmaker won't seek reelection

BY ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rep. Paul Cook served 26 years as a Marine and was awarded two Purple Heart medals for combat wounds suffered in Vietnam. But amid his seventh year in Congress, the aching and discouraged California Republican has decided he's endured enough.

At 76 and nursing brittle knees that make cross-country flights an ordeal, Cook is past the age when many lawmakers head home. Cook, who announced last week that he won't seek reelection next year, is the oldest of 18 House Republicans who have said they are leaving.

He also is a case study in how some old-school moderate Republicans — the type that like him have Chamber of Commerce backgrounds and consider compromise laudable — feel alienated in an increasingly fractious capital.

Cook believes Republicans will not win back the House majority in the 2020 elections, leaving the GOP once again with frustratingly little clout after spending most of this decade controlling the chamber. He dislikes President Donald Trump's late night tweets and his criticisms of NATO and some of its member nations.

And he bemoans Washington's "toxic" political atmosphere, which he blames on hard-right Republicans and hard-left Democrats.

"The Freedom Caucus, a lot of them, they have a very right-wing agenda that encourages the same things that the far left does. And that is, 'We're going to raise hell,'" Cook said in an interview. "That is not the road that I would advocate if you're going to try



ALAN FRAM/AP

Rep. Paul Cook, R-Calif., who served 26 years as a Marine, said he will not seek reelection.

and reach a compromise. Our whole government is built on compromise."

Of the 18 exiting Republicans, only a handful have openly cited Washington's sharp elbows, though others who have retired previously have expressed similar complaints.

Three of this year's other departing lawmakers could have faced tough reelection fights. Three are running for the Senate or governor, two are leaving as their allotted time as committee leaders is expiring and others have voiced variants of, "It's time to go."

Cook's legislative focus has included military and veterans' issues, and he's had a low public profile. He's tweeted 15 times all year on his official Twitter account — fewer than Trump might unleash on a caucus day.

Cook says he's bothered by a White House that takes positions that contradict prior policy, particularly on foreign affairs. He recoiled at Trump's questioning of NATO's value and episodes such as his musings about purchasing Greenland, a territory of Denmark that the NATO member spurned.

"You have to respect your allies or you're not going to have your allies when you need them the most," Cook said.

Beer money request raises nearly \$1M for kids' hospital

BY MICHAEL BRICE-SADDLER
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The Washington Post

The crudely drawn sign was supposed to be a joke.

Carson King took Sharpie to poster board the night of Sept. 13 and sketched out a simple plea: "Busch Light Supply Needs Replenished." King, 24, added his Venmo handle and crossed his fingers that someone watching ESPN's "College GameDay" the next morning would see the sign and send him a "couple dollars" for his favorite beer.

His wish was granted. And then some.

As of Saturday afternoon, a week after hoisting the poster, King said he'd been sent about \$270,000, and his once-humorous endeavor had transformed into a significant fundraiser for a local children's hospital, backed by major brands, including Venmo and Busch. Both companies have said they will match the donations sent to King, which would mean a total donation of nearly \$1 million to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital.

"I feel awesome about it," King said Friday. "It's great."

King had been sent about \$45,000 by Wednesday evening, putting a national spotlight on a

facility already known to some college football fans. (In one of the sport's newest traditions, Iowa fans and their opponents turn and wave to children at the hospital, which overlooks Iowa's Kinnick Stadium.)

"College GameDay" was broadcasting from Ames, Iowa, on Saturday as No. 18 Iowa faced unranked Iowa State.

King said he brought his sign along on the off chance he appeared on TV. But his strategic positioning near a stage paid off, and within half an hour of holding up the poster he received more than \$400 in contributions.

As hundreds of dollars became thousands, King realized he had a chance to do "something a little more special than buy Busch Light."

After consulting with his family, King pledged to donate his earnings (sans about \$15, for one case of beer) to the hospital.

As his friends and relatives spread the message, the contributions to his Venmo multiplied. They kept coming in, and by Tuesday afternoon Busch Beer and Venmo took notice, each offering to match his donation to the hospital.

King's account will remain open for donations until the end of the month.

WORLD

Iran asks West to leave Persian Gulf as tensions rise

By NASSER KARIMI
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's president on Sunday called on Western powers to leave the security of the Persian Gulf to regional nations led by Tehran, criticizing a new U.S.-led coalition patrolling the region's waterways as nationwide parades showcased the Islamic Republic's military arsenal.

Hassan Rouhani separately promised to unveil a regional peace plan at this week's upcoming high-level meetings at the United Nations, which come amid heightened Middle East tensions following a series of attacks, including a missile and drone assault on Saudi Arabia's oil industry.

The U.S. alleges Iran carried out the Sept. 14 attack on the world's largest oil processor in the kingdom and an oil field, which caused oil prices to spike by the biggest percentage since the 1991 Gulf War. While Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi rebels claimed the assault, Saudi Arabia says it

was "unquestionably sponsored by Iran."

For its part, Iran denies being responsible and has warned that any retaliatory attack targeting it will result in an "all-out war." That's as it has begun enriching uranium beyond the terms of its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, which the U.S. unilaterally withdrew from more than a year earlier.

Rouhani spoke from a riser at the parade in Tehran, with uniformed officers from the country's military and its paramilitary Revolutionary Guard beside him. The cleric later watched as marching soldiers carrying submachine guns and portable missile launchers drove past as part of "Holy Defense Week," which marks the start of the Iran-Iraq war in 1980.

Rouhani said Iran was willing to "extend the hand of friendship and brotherhood" to Persian Gulf nations and was "even ready to forgive their past mistakes."

"Those who want to link the region's incidents to the Islamic Re-



IRANIAN PRESIDENCY OFFICE/AP

public of Iran are lying like their past lies that have been revealed," the president said. "If they are truthful and really seek security in the region, they must not send weapons, fighter jets, bombs and dangerous arms to the region."

Rouhani added that the U.S. and Western nations should "distance" themselves from the region. "Your presence has always been a calamity for this region, and the farther you go from our region and our nations, the more security would come for our region," he said.

He said Iran's plan would focus on providing security in the Persian Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz and the Gulf of Oman "with help from regional countries." Iran has

boosted its naval cooperation with China, India, Oman, Pakistan and Russia in recent years.

The U.S. maintains defense agreements across the Persian Gulf with allied Arab nations. Since 1980, it has viewed the region as crucial to its national security, given its energy exports. The U.S. plans to send additional troops to the region over the next few months.

The parades and maneuvers Sunday appeared aimed at projecting Iranian strength as naval vessels, submarines and armed speedboats swarmed across the Persian Gulf and troops showed off land-to-sea missiles capable of targeting the U.S. Navy.

Hong Kong protesters stomp Chinese flag, set fires



Protesters step on a Chinese national flag at a mall in Hong Kong on Sunday. Hong Kong's pro-democracy protests are now in their fourth month.

KIM CHEUNG/AP

Associated Press

HONG KONG — Protesters in Hong Kong trampled a Chinese flag, vandalized a subway station and set a fire across a wide street Sunday as pro-democracy demonstrations took a violent turn once again.

The day's action began peacefully as protesters filled a shopping mall and, in a new twist, folded paper "origami" cranes that they tied onto a large rigging that they assembled in the mall in the Shatin district.

Some put a Chinese flag on the floor and took turns running over it before defacing it and putting it in a dumpster which they then pushed into a nearby river.

One group later attacked the Shatin subway station, which is connected to the mall. They jumped up to smash overhead surveillance cameras, used hammers to knock ticket sensors off gates and spray-painted and broke the screens of ticket machines, using umbrellas to

shield their identities.

Riot police arrived following the attack and guarded the station after it was closed, with a metal grill pulled down to block entry.

Protesters then built a barricade across a street near the mall, piled what appeared to be brown palm fronds on top and set them on fire.

Policemen fired tear gas as they tried to advance on the protesters, who had retreated before taking a position behind a wall of umbrellas that those in the front held.

Hong Kong's pro-democracy protests, now in their fourth month, have often descended into violence late in the day and at night. A hardcore group of protesters says the extreme actions are needed to get the government's attention.

The unending protests are an embarrassment for China's Communist Party ahead of Oct. 1 celebrations of its 70th anniversary in power. Hong Kong's government has canceled a fireworks display that day, citing concern for public safety.

Greek police make arrest in 1985 hijacking of TWA flight

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Greek police said Saturday they arrested a suspect in the 1985 hijacking of a flight from Athens that became a multi-day ordeal and included the slaying of an American.

Police said a 65-year-old suspect in the hijacking was arrested Thursday on the island of Mykonos in response to a warrant from Germany.

Lt. Col. Theodoros Chronopoulos,

a police spokesman, told The Associated Press that the hijacking case involved TWA Flight 847.

The flight was commanded by hijackers shortly after taking off from Athens on June 14, 1985. It originated in Cairo and had San Diego set as a final destination, with stops scheduled in Athens, Rome, Boston and Los Angeles.

The hijackers shot and killed U.S. Navy diver Robert Stethem, 23, after beating him unconscious.

They released the other 146 passengers and crew members on the plane during an ordeal that included stops in Beirut and Algiers. The last hostage was freed after 17 days.

The suspect was in custody Saturday on the Greek island of Syros but was set to be transferred to the Korydallos high security prison in Athens, a police spokeswoman told the AP. The spokeswoman spoke on condition of anonymity

because the case was ongoing.

Police refused to release the suspect's name.

Several Greek media outlets identified the detainee as Mohammed Ali Hammadi, who was arrested in Frankfurt in 1987 and convicted in Germany for the plane hijacking and Stethem's slaying. Hammadi, an alleged Hezbollah member, was sentenced to life in prison but was paroled in 2005 and returned to Lebanon.

Sudanese PM opens probe deaths probe

CAIRO — Sudan's newly appointed prime minister launched an independent investigation into a deadly crackdown on protesters in June which killed dozens of people and threatened to crush the country's pro-democracy uprising.

According to the protesters, at least 128 people were killed and hundreds wounded when security forces violently dispersed the protesters' main sit-in outside the military headquarters in the capital, Khartoum, on June 3. Authorities put the death toll at 87, including 17 inside the sit-in area.

Sudan's new civilian leader, Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok, said late Saturday that the investigation will be led by a seven-member committee that includes a top judge, an independent figure and two attorneys.

Dubai diverts 2 flights due to 'suspected drone'

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Dubai International Airport, the world's busiest airport for international travel, says "suspected drone activity" caused it to divert two flights.

The airport says the incident affected flights from 12:36 pm to 12:51 pm Sunday.

Alleged drone sightings have previously disrupted flights into the airport, which is the base of the long-haul carrier Emirates.

Emirates said the flights were theirs, with one going to Sharjah and the other landing at Dubai's second airport.

Labour chief will serve full term if made PM

LONDON — Jeremy Corbyn, the leader of Britain's main opposition Labour Party, insists he would serve a full term as prime minister if his party wins the next general election, which is widely expected to take place in the next few months.

Countering speculation that the 70-year-old is considering standing down, Corbyn told the BBC on Sunday that he would lead Labour into the next election.

Asked if he would serve a full term, Corbyn said, "Of course."

Corbyn is at Labour's annual conference in the southern English city of Brighton.

Charity boat with 182 migrants waits to dock

ABOARD THE OCEAN VIKING — A humanitarian ship with 182 rescued migrants was sailing back and forth Sunday in international waters between Italy and Malta as it awaits permission from some European government to dock.

The Ocean Viking, a Norwegian-flagged ship operated by SOS Mediterranee and Doctors Without Borders, rescued four groups of migrants fleeing Libya on human traffickers' unseaworthy boats last week.

The migrants have been rejected by Malta and Italy, which contend that charity boats help Libya-based human traffickers.

From The Associated Press

WORLD

Pakistan bus crash kills 26; brake failure cited

ISLAMABAD — A bus crash in northern Pakistan killed 26 people Sunday after its brakes failed on a winding mountain road, police said.

Another 20 passengers were injured when the bus smashed head-on into a dirt embankment, said Abdul Wakil, a local police officer.

Such road accidents are common in Pakistan, where motorists largely disregard traffic rules and safety standards on worn-out roads. Last month, a speeding bus fell off a mountainous road into a river in the northwest, killing 24 passengers.

Russians protest against proposed waste plant

MOSCOW — Several thousand people have taken to the streets across northwest Russia to protest a controversial plan to build a major waste plant there.

Police in the regional capital of Arkhangelsk said Sunday that about 1,000 people attended a rally there while local media reported that more than 2,000 protesters showed up. Protesters also rallied in more than a dozen towns in the area.

Local media reported three activists have been detained at the Arkhangelsk rally on charges related to their participation in unsanctioned gatherings earlier this year.

Jailed Tunisia magnate optimistic about winning

PARIS — Jailed Tunisian media magnate Nabil Karoui said he's "reasonably optimistic" about winning Tunisia's presidential runoff, where he is facing independent law professor Kais Saied.

They beat out two dozen other candidates in the first round of voting on Sept. 15. No date has been set yet for the presidential runoff in the North African nation but Tunisia's electoral body says it will take place by Oct. 13.

Karoui, 56, co-owner of private TV station Nessma TV, was jailed Aug. 23 pending an investigation into alleged money laundering and tax evasion charges.

Cash-starved Air India puts crews on new diet

NEW DELHI — Cash-starved Air India is putting its crew on a diet, changing their inflight menu to special low-fat meals.

Dhananjay Kumar, the state-run airline's spokesman, said Wednesday that the objective is to provide healthy and cost-effective meals to crews on domestic and international flights.

Kumar declined to comment on media reports that the cost per meal, mostly vegetarian, will fall to one-third of the current up to \$1 per meal.

The new menu was introduced Sept. 16 on flights originating from New Delhi and Mumbai and will be extended to other routes soon.

From The Associated Press

Los Cabos spared as Lorena heads up Mexico's coast

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Associated Press

CABO SAN LUCAS, Mexico — Hurricane Lorena spared the resort-studded twin cities of Los Cabos a direct hit and was reduced to a tropical storm Sunday as it headed up the east coast of Mexico's Baja California Peninsula.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center downgraded Lorena to a tropical storm Saturday afternoon, saying it had maximum sustained winds of 50 mph, and its center was about 50 miles north-northeast of Loreto, Mexico. It was heading to the north at 12 mph on a forecast track parallel to the coast, through the Sea of Cortez.

The core of Lorena "did not survive the high terrain of the southern Baja California peninsula," the center said.

The Mexican government has discontinued the tropical storm warning for the Baja peninsula

and the hurricane watch for portions of mainland Mexico.

The storm brought intense rain and strong waves to Los Cabos, but there was minimal damage. Clouds began to clear Friday evening. Electric service was spotty in some communities.

For days, forecasts had predicted likely landfall in or a near miss with Los Cabos, but the storm took a path well east of the glitzy resort area.

On Friday, residents and tourists in Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo hunkered down in homes, shelters and hotels amid extreme weather warnings.

Police and soldiers went through low-lying, low-income neighborhoods in Los Cabos urging people to evacuate. Locals who have been through past hurricanes pulled boats from the water and boarded up windows and doors.

Authorities in Los Cabos said 787 people had taken refuge at 18 storm shelters. Officials had



FERNANDO CASTILLO/AP

A tourist poses for a photo in front of breaking waves before the expected arrival of Hurricane Lorena, in Los Cabos, Mexico, on Friday.

closed the port and suspended school classes for Friday.

Lorena came onshore a day earlier as a hurricane in the western Mexican state of Colima. It flooded streets, washed out roads and touched off minor slides in 10 municipalities. Dozens of trees were downed, and power was knocked out in some areas.

Colima state Gov. Jose Ignacio Peralta said more than 7,400 acres of crops such as bananas and papayas were damaged statewide, but there were no deaths or significant damage to infrastructure.

On Saturday afternoon, Lorena's tropical force winds extended outward up to 10 miles to the north and east of its center. Baja California Sur Gov. Carlos Menzua urged residents to still exercise caution.

Tropical Storm Mario was weakening as it hovered several hundred miles south of the southern tip of the Baja Peninsula. Mario was expected to disperse by Monday.

In the Atlantic, meanwhile, Tropical Storm Jerry was headed northwest toward Bermuda after kicking up rough seas around Puerto Rico.

The hurricane center warned that swells could cause life-threatening surf and rip current conditions for portions of the northern Leeward Islands and Puerto Rico.

Jerry's maximum sustained winds stood at 65 mph Saturday afternoon. It was centered about 320 miles north of San Juan, Puerto Rico and was moving to the northwest at 14 mph.

Typhoon heads to northeast Japan after hitting south

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press

TOKYO — A powerful typhoon was heading northeast to Japan's main island of Honshu on Sunday after lashing parts of the country's southern islands with heavy rains and winds that caused flooding and some minor injuries.

Typhoon Tapah was passing near Nagasaki in southern Japan on Sunday afternoon after hitting other parts of southern Japan, including Okinawa, the two previous days.

Japan's Meteorological Agency said the storm was moving northeast at a speed of 19 mph, with maximum winds of 100 mph.

The agency warned of heavy rain, flooding and possible landslides through Monday in western Japan.

The typhoon hit Okinawa on Friday and Saturday and left 18 people with minor injuries.



KYODO NEWS/AP

A girl grimaces against a strong wind brought by Typhoon Tapah in Nakatane, Kogoshima prefecture, southwestern Japan, on Sunday.

The storm disrupted air and train travel in the region during what is a three-day weekend.

In Nobeoka City in Miyazaki prefecture, a

tornado believed to have been triggered by the typhoon damaged at least one house and injured two people slightly, according to the Fire and Disaster Management Agency. The winds blew a cargo container into an electricity tower, causing power loss to some train stations in the area.

The city postponed Sunday's entrance exam for city employees due to the typhoon.

The approaching typhoon also caused fears in parts of Chiba, near Tokyo, which was hit hard by another typhoon earlier this month and is still recovering from damage. That typhoon damaged many houses and electric poles, causing widespread blackouts in the prefecture and triggering criticism and concern about aging infrastructure systems in the country.

Cleanup and power restoration efforts continued Sunday in parts of Chiba.

Albania inspects quake damages; more than 100 hurt

By LLAZAR SEMINI
Associated Press

POGRADEC, Albania — Many residents in Albania's capital of Tirana and the port city of Durrës have not gone back to their homes after a magnitude 5.8 earthquake injured 105 people and damaged hundreds of buildings.

Authorities said the Saturday afternoon quake was followed by more than 100 aftershocks.

It also damaged about 600 homes and temporarily knocked

out power and water facilities in Tirana, Durrës and some other western and central districts.

Many people fled their homes when the quake hit at 4:04 p.m., with at least 500 spending the night in temporary shelters.

Experts on Sunday inspected damaged homes and buildings and raised more emergency tents.

Defense Minister Olta Xhaka, speaking at a Cabinet meeting, said "luckily, oil wells were not damaged."

Prime Minister Edi Rama said he had phone calls from his Italian, French, German and other European counterparts offering assistance.

Johannes Hahn, the European Union's budget and administration commissioner, tweeted that "#EU immediately offered assistance."

Located along the Adriatic and Ionian Seas, Albania is earthquake-prone and registers seismic activity every few days.



HEKTOR PUSTINA/AP

Damaged cars are shown outside the Faculty of Geology building after an earthquake in Tirana, Albania, on Saturday.

WORLD

Tapestry immortalizes 'Game of Thrones'

BY CLAIRE PARKER
Associated Press

BAYEUX, France — Famously, Arya Stark always preferred her sword, Needle, to needlework.

Still, even she would be impressed with the giant tapestry now on display in France that recounts the plot of "Game of Thrones" in glorious and, of course, gory and salacious detail.

The award-winning saga about power struggles in mythical Westeros was up for 32 nominations, breaking a single-year record, at the Emmy Awards on Sunday. The tapestry's unveiling this month in the Normandy town of Bayeux could hardly be better timed.

Fans who have flocked in the thousands to see the embroidered artwork are giving it a thumbs-up.

"It's fantastic. You can see kind of the story, how it all lays out," Amanda Zides, visiting from a suburb of Boston, said as she gazed over the tapestry last week. "They did a nice job — great color, great detail."

At 285 feet, the tapestry is longer than the width of a soccer pitch and longer than the famous 11th-century Bayeux Tapestry that recounts the Norman invasion of England in 1066. That tapestry served as an inspiration for the "Game of Thrones" lookalike.

The work was commissioned by the tourism office of Northern Ireland, where HBO filmed many of the scenes. Irish officials hope the Bayeux exhibit will boost tourism to Northern Ireland. Its "Game of Thrones" sites are already a big draw, attracting 350,000 visitors in 2018 alone.

"We consider the Bayeux Tapestry as the grandmother of our 'Game of Thrones' tapestry," said Severine Lecart, director of marketing in France for Tourism Ireland.

Obvious parallels between the two tapestries include the embroidery styles, colors and structures.

Both are divided into three segments, with their central storylines running through the middle bordered by smaller panels displaying motifs like winged beasts or weaponry. The two works evoke similar themes of violent conquest and feudal loyalties.

The Bayeux Tapestry is thought to have been commissioned by William the Conqueror's brother.

It tells the story of William's conquest of England with vivid scenes of battle and palace intrigue. It attracts nearly 400,000 visitors annually, and Bayeux officials hope the "Game of Thrones" exhibit will grow that number.

The tapestry begins with fictional King Robert Baratheon visiting the Stark family in Winterfell and ends with the final scenes from the eighth and last season. It took a 30-strong team of volunteer embroiderers in Northern Ireland nearly four months to stitch the tapestry in 2017, adding final scenes after "Games of Thrones" finished airing in May.

Like the often-racy show, the tapestry includes several sex scenes. But among visitors on Wednesday, scenes depicting Daenerys Targaryen with her dragons and Jaime Lannister getting his hand chopped off proved particularly popular.

"Amazingly well-presented," said Geoffrey Vasse, visiting from the Normandy city of Caen. "I'm a fan of the series of 'Game of Thrones' and if there is a tapestry just nearby, I wanted to come and see it."



PHOTOS BY KAMIL ZHINIOGLU/AP

A man looks at the "Game of Thrones" tapestry in Bayeux, Normandy, France, on Wednesday. The tapestry depicts major scenes from all eight seasons of the hit TV series in 285 feet of embroidery.



Above left: A woman takes a photo of the tapestry on Wednesday. Above and left: Details from the tapestry are shown.

Below: A detail of the 11th-century Bayeux tapestry chronicling the Norman conquest of England is displayed.



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

City to pay 2016 GOP protester \$50K

OH CLEVELAND — An attorney for a protester arrested during the 2016 Republican National Convention says Cleveland will pay his client \$50,000 to settle a federal civil rights lawsuit.

Attorney Subodh Chandra said Richard Newburger in July 2016 joined fellow protesters preparing to burn an American flag when Newburger and others were assaulted by police and sprayed with fire retardant.

The flag burning was led by Gregory Lee Johnson, whose arrest at the 1984 Republican National Convention in Dallas led to a U.S. Supreme Court decision invalidating state flag-burning laws.

Misdemeanor charges filed against Newburger, of Chicago, and Johnson, of San Francisco, were eventually dismissed.

History buff finds ships that sank in 1878

MI DETROIT — A diver buff found two schooners that collided and sank into the cold depths of northern Lake Michigan more than 140 years ago.

Bernie Hellstrom, of Boyne City, said he was looking for shipwrecks about 10 years ago when a depth sounder on his boat noted a large obstruction about 200 feet down on the lake bottom near Beaver Island.

Hellstrom said he returned to the area in June with a custom-made camera system and discovered the Peshtigo and St. Andrews about 10 feet apart. The ships collided in 1878, but it initially was believed they sank in the Straits of Mackinac in Lake Huron.

Bounce house sparks fire, power outages

UT DRAPER — A bounce house in Utah started a fire that left thousands of residents without power after strong winds lifted the inflatable into nearby power lines.

The Draper Fire Department said nobody was injured and that crews responded to the scene and put out the fire while closing nearby traffic routes because of downed power lines.

Authorities said a neighborhood business was setting up the bounce house, a pumpkin patch and corn maze for a Halloween event in Draper south of Salt Lake City.

Witnesses said there were gentle winds at the time of the accident but a rogue gust of wind took everyone by surprise and lifted the inflatable away.

Zoo teams with school for master's program

FL JACKSONVILLE — The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens and Miami University are teaming up with a new master's degree program.

The Florida Times-Union reported the program will offer degrees in teaching biological



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Racing for beds

The Boulevard Inn and Bistro team, right, beats out the WIRX team during a racing heat Friday during the Great Bed Race in downtown St. Joseph, Mich. Proceeds from the seventh annual race, put on by the Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary and Slumberland Furniture, go to providing beds for area children in need.

sciences or biology which combine Miami University coursework with field study on the zoo's grounds and in the Jacksonville area.

The courses will be taught by instructors at the Oxford, Ohio, university with experiential learning led by zoo experts.

Students will be exposed to the zoo's sustainability and conservation programs.

Woman stops for gas, finds stranger in trunk

TN MILLERSVILLE — Authorities said a Kentucky woman who stopped for gas while driving through Tennessee noticed her trunk wasn't closed all the way — and then found a stranger inside it.

Police in Millersville said the woman stopped on foot when the driver said she was calling police.

The driver said the woman seemed injured, so officers initially were concerned that she might have been escaping from an assault or kidnapping in Kentucky.

They ruled that out after officers found the woman and reviewed surveillance video.

Spokesman Ronnie Ward, with the police in Bowling Green, Ky., said detectives learned the woman had been injured while running through some woods and willingly climbed into the woman's trunk.

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The number of bison from Grand Canyon National Park that were sent to join a herd in Oklahoma. Hundreds of the massive animals have made their home at the Grand Canyon in recent years, but officials say they're spoiling water sources and harming the landscape. Officials came up with a plan to reduce the herd by partly corraling the animals and shipping them elsewhere. The bison were loaded in multiple live-stock trailers and shipped to the Quapaw Tribe in Oklahoma last week.

Hospital treats baby squirrels bound by tails

CT BERLIN — A Connecticut animal hospital said it is treating four baby squirrels found tied together by their tails in a bizarre act of animal abuse.

The Kensington Bird and Animal Hospital in Berlin said in a Facebook post that the animals are recovering, but their tails are broken and may need to be amputated.

The hospital said the animals were "tangled, braided and purposefully tied together" with a man-made object. It also says the animals were found on train tracks, which is another possible indicator of animal cruelty.

Museum gets \$216K to help digitize collection

LA NEW ORLEANS — A university museum in New Orleans received more than

\$216,000 to help inventory and digitize its collections.

Director Monica Ramirez-Montagut said the grant will help Newcomb Art Museum of Tulane University get unique Southern cultural assets online.

The grant is among 130 announced by The Institute of Museum and Library Services. They add up to \$21.7 million. The institute said museums are providing \$27.6 million in nonfederal matching funds.

Taylor said 2,000 of the museum's 8,000 objects are online, but some don't have images.

Bonnie and Clyde items sell for nearly \$186K

TX DALLAS — Several personal items related to 1930s Texas outlaws Bonnie and Clyde have sold at a Boston auction for nearly \$186,000.

RR Auction officials said the Bulova watch that Barrow wore when he and Bonnie Parker were

killed in 1934 sold Saturday for \$112,500. Parker and Barrow were fatally shot by officers in Louisiana.

President house executive vice president Bobby Livingston said a sawed-off shotgun that was in the possession of the Barrow gang in 1933 sold for \$68,750. The weapon was confiscated after a shootout in Joplin, Mo., left two lawmen dead.

Zoo's beloved white tiger dies from cancer

MA BOSTON — A Boston zoo's 14-year-old white tiger has died after a brief battle with cancer.

The Franklin Park Zoo says its tiger, Luther, was recently diagnosed with an "undifferentiated round cell tumor" and stopped responding to medication.

The zoo decided to euthanize him as Luther's health began to decline.

Luther moved to the Franklin Park Zoo with a Bengal mix named Analia in 2006. At the time it had been 30 years since the zoo had exhibited a tiger.

Both big cats had been confiscated as young cubs from a wildlife sanctuary by federal wildlife agents.

Analia still lives at the zoo.

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Ready to rise again

Missick gets over Netflix cancellation with CBS series

BY RICK BENTLEY
Tribune News Service

Simone Missick was happy with the history-making work she was doing on the Netflix series "Luke Cage," "Iron Fist," and "The Defenders" as TV's first black female Marvel superhero, Misty Knight. She was looking forward to returning to the role for a third season of "Luke Cage" until it was announced it and all of the other Marvel offerings on Netflix had been canceled.

"We even thought there would be a 'Daughters of the Dragon' spin-off," Missick says. "Unfortunately, we will never know if that was even given any consideration."

That ended Missick's work as a superhero, but it opened up her ability to take on other projects, such as CBS' new legal drama, "All Rise." The series follows the wild lives of the judges, prosecutors, public defenders, bailiffs, clerks and cops dealing with the legal process in Los Angeles. The newly appointed Judge Lola Carmichael (Missick) was a highly regarded deputy district attorney who plans to use her new role to make changes.

Missick goes from a series with a lot of heavy action sequences to one with more talking and an occasional pratfall. She wasn't looking for anything particular to be her next project, but Missick knew she wanted to be part of "All Rise" as soon as she read the script.

"Lola Carmichael is a woman that we have not seen on TV in this kind of role. When we see judges, they're normally in the back of our legal system. I've had the fortune of playing very strong women, and I've been blessed to play characters that are capable and intelligent. But this woman is all of those things and still has a very soft side to her that I think I'm excited for the world to see," Missick says.

"All Rise" won't just be the case of the week, but will look at what it means when a judge makes a decision. The series will examine how other judges respond to Carmichael's efforts to make changes. Ramifications of her decisions

could result in some lawyers refusing to present their cases in front of her. Missick describes how the series looks at the law as a domino effect, where one decision can make ripples through the entire system.

Executive producer Greg Spottiswood ("King") says the scripts will be inspired by real stories.

"We're constantly in the writers' room combing newspapers. We have lawyers on staff. We have lawyers that we talk to. But we're bringing our own special spin to it," Spottiswood says. "So it's not torn from the headlines stuff that we're doing. Inspired by the headlines on occasion. But, really, we're driven by characters, what releases our characters in terms of narratives and who these clients are and what makes them interesting and compelling."

Missick's previous credits include "Wayward Pines," "Ray Donovan," "Scandal," "Voicemail," "Altered Carbon" and "Jinn." But playing a judge is a good fit for Missick. She explains that when she's not in front of a camera, it always fails to her to be the peacemaker in her family as the youngest of three.

"I would see the other two siblings fighting and I would be the one who would say 'Hey guys. Can't we all just get along?' I am the level-headed person in my family and with my husband, I am the first one to say 'sorry' in order to get the ball rolling and the conversation can get to the heart of the matter," Missick says.

"This is the perfect role for me because Lola is the kind of person I aspire to be."

"She's someone who looks at the justice system and asks how she can change it and how she can make it better. She's a very smart and capable woman who is also flawed."

'All Rise'
premieres
Sept. 24 on
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Simone Missick goes from playing a superhero to a different type of difference-maker in "All Rise."

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Whitehead, James novels on longlist for fiction awards

Colson Whitehead's brutal narrative of a boys' reform school, "The Nickel Boys," and Marlon James' fantasy epic "Black Leopard, Red Wolf" are among the works chosen by judges for the fiction longlist of the National Book Awards.

Others on the list of 10 include Taffy Brodesser-Akner's acclaimed comic novel "Fleishman Is in Trouble" and the immigrant stories "The Other Americans" by Laila Lalami, and "On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous," the first novel by the poet Ocean Vuong.

The Sept. 20 announcement capped a week in which the National Book Foundation also unveiled longlists for nonfiction, translation, young people's literature and poetry. The lists will be narrowed to five in each category by Oct. 8. Winners will be announced during a Nov. 20 dinner ceremony in New York City, when author Edmund White and the CEO of the American Booksellers Association, Oren Teicher, will receive honorary awards.

Based on a real Florida institution, Whitehead's novel is his first since the acclaimed historical fantasy "The Underground Railroad," which came out in 2016 and won the National Book Award and a Pulitzer Prize. James is a native of Jamaica and is known for his Booker Prize-winning "A Brief History of Seven Killings," centered on the attempted 1976 assassination of reggae great Bob Marley. He has said that "Black Leopard, Red Wolf" is the first of a planned trilogy.

The other books on the fiction longlist were Susan Choi's "Trust Exercise," Kali Fajardo-Anstine's "Sabrina & Corina: Stories," Kimberly King Parsons' "Black Light: Stories," Helen Phillips' "The Need" and Julia Phillips' "Disappearing Earth."

Other news

■ A tour bus carrying members of the road crew for country singer Josh Turner plunged off a cliff in central California, killing one person and injuring seven others, authorities said Sept. 19. Turner and his band were not on the bus when it crashed late Wednesday in San Luis Obispo County, the California Highway Patrol said. The crash followed a concert by Turner at the Vina Robles Amphitheatre in nearby Paso Robles. The singer postponed the rest of his September tour dates following the crash, Universal Music Group Nashville said in a statement.

■ A ballad that Chris Cornell produced for his daughter Toni when she was just 12 is now being released. "Far Away Places" was written by Toni three years ago, and was one of the last songs that Cornell recorded before his death in May 2017. The song was released on iTunes on Sept. 19 and is available on other streaming services. It is featured in a short film, also titled "Far Away Places," by Tatiana Shanks, a family friend.

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DeVos made debt forgiveness promise a sham

BY HELAINE OLEN

The Washington Post

New York City public school teacher Kelly Finlaw believed her student debt would be forgiven because she was participating in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. Enacted in 2007 as part of a broader package of student loan reforms, the initiative was intended to encourage students to take lower-paying jobs with nonprofits and the public sector. Eligible borrowers would make 10 years of payments, and their student loan balance sheet would be wiped clean.

It didn't work out that way. When the first groups of borrowers — preschool teachers and public service lawyers, police and firefighters — eligible for relief under the legislation applied for the promised benefit, a little more than 1 percent saw their remaining debt forgiven.

As a congressional hearing Thursday made clear, Finlaw and thousands of other borrowers were let down by an uncaring bureaucracy, by the student loan processing companies that couldn't be bothered to take the time to explain a complicated law, and most egregiously, by Betsy DeVos' Education Department and the Trump administration.

This betrayal gets to the heart of what is wrong with the United States in 2019, when many corporations feel free to act with impunity, secure in the knowledge the federal government in the form of the Trump administration will not only not call them to account but will actively have their backs.

"Did what I was asked to do. I called. I made my payments on time. I paid every month," Finlaw explained to the House Committee on Education and Labor. In re-

turn, "I was lied to several times. Directly lied to. In fact, I was told several times to do things that in the end put me in a worse place."

What went wrong? Well, the better question is, what didn't go wrong? Almost everyone agrees the language of the originating statute was sloppy. Only certain, very specific kinds of loans were eligible for forgiveness. The same was true for the repayment plans the borrowers enrolled in. But then the convoluted student loan processing companies kicked in. Over and over again, borrowers report that the companies servicing their loans misinformed them. They weren't told about consolidation plans that would make their loans eligible for relief. Payments were misapplied, knocking them off track without borrowers' knowledge. There were seemingly thousands of ways to get this wrong, and almost no way to get it right.

Congress, after a rash of bad press, designated a pot of money and a relaxation of the arcane and hard-to-navigate rules for the first cohort of public service debtors seeking relief. Not so fast, said the Education Department, under the leadership of DeVos. Under the billionaire heiress, whom I've deemed "the worst member of Trump's Cabinet" for her extra special devotion to comforting the comfortable, the Education Department set up a convoluted, illogical and all-but-impossible application process for the initially denied borrowers seeking forgiveness through the new program to follow. According to a report released this month by the Government Accountability Office, a stunning 99 percent of the applicants to that program were once again denied relief.

There are now lawsuits. Finlaw's a named plaintiff in one filed by the Ameri-

can Federation of Teachers against DeVos and the Education Department. The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office filed another, this one against the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Authority, also known as FedLoan Servicing, which handles the program on behalf of the federal government.

FedLoan officials were offered the chance to testify at Thursday's hearing. They declined. The Department of Education sent a representative, who claimed it was simply following the law. As for the situation itself? "Regrettable," the Education Department's representative described it in written testimony.

"Regrettable" is word that can be used if you spill red wine on a favorite white dress. This is far worse. Americans planned their lives around the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. They stayed in jobs because of the promises and assurances from the government and the student loan industry. And then — poof — it didn't happen. They were betrayed, and then the government used technicalities to get out of what had been promised.

This is hardly the only instance of government and industry coming together to screw Americans over. Millions lost their home in the foreclosure crisis, while banks got bailed out. Greedy pharmaceutical companies fueled an opioid epidemic that has killed tens of thousands of Americans. These are the actions that are eating away at the fabric of our society, sowing distrust in civic life, business and even other people. It's not regrettable. It's wrong.

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The psychology behind taking Epstein's dirty money

 BY NINA STROHMINGER
Special to the Los Angeles Times

Why do good people take bad money? And what are the insidious effects of doing so?

These are puzzles surrounding Jeffrey Epstein, the convicted sex offender, who so easily insinuated himself into prestigious universities and an orbit of prominent scientists years after his 2008 conviction. His billion-dollar fortune allowed him to lavishly fund their research activities and centers, among them MIT's Media Lab.

But those receiving the money knew about his past. In fact, senior leaders at MIT approved Epstein's donations and decided to keep them anonymous. MIT's president, L. Rafael Reif, even signed a letter in 2012 thanking Epstein for a gift. Joi Ito has since resigned as the director of the MIT Media Lab, and others have apologized, but only after the gifts became public.

How could these educational leaders have taken Epstein's money, knowing it was so tainted that the gifts needed to remain anonymous?

On a certain accounting, money is money. And isn't the greatest good maximized when cash is directed out of the pockets of unsavory characters and into worthy research?

This calculus may have the patina of logic, but it is wrong. Consider the psychological principles at play when people take money from wrongdoers.

In a series of recent experiments, Arber Tasimi and others have shown that morally tainted money is worth less than face value. People would rather have \$99 from a good guy than \$100 from a bad guy.

However, when the differential becomes big enough, people abandon their principles, selecting \$100 from a bad guy over \$1 from a good guy. Even babies show this pattern, forgoing two crackers from an evil puppet in favor of a single cracker from a nice puppet. But when the evil puppet has eight crackers, they cave.

People have a deep-seated aversion to morally tainted money but also a strong temptation for the reward. When people take dirty money, this inner conflict is resolved with rationalization. And the power of rationalization is so strong that people will engage in elaborate cognitive gymnastics not to see the negative ramifications of what they have just done. Our behavior will reshape to protect our benefactor.

Research on conflicts of interest shows that, when confronted with the possibility that their benefactor is morally dubious, people will look the other way, selectively examine the evidence in front of them, and generally focus on whatever slim evidence remains that their benefactor has redeeming qualities. As Upton Sinclair observed, it is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends upon his not understanding it.

The power of Epstein's money had the intended effect on the scientists in his circle. Some, such as Robert Trivers and Lawrence Krauss, have defended him. Many others have remained silent, and this silence serves as a tacit endorsement.

A large body of research in social psychology indicates that people infer what is acceptable based on the actions of others, particularly those with status. Mere association with Epstein is a powerful social signal that minimizes his alleged crimes. After all, how bad could he be if so many respected scientists rubbed elbows with

him?

In effect, this process amounts to a kind of moral money laundering. By accepting Epstein's gifts, these scientists and institutions bestowed upon him their unspoken approval. Just as there is guilt by association with the corrupt, there is grace by association with the good (and in this case, the prestigious). Coffers lined with dirty money dry up eventually, but the erosion of trust in research it causes is lasting.

The Epstein story may be unusually dark, but it reveals an underlying systemic problem that will continue to plague our institutions if change does not occur. It is gone from the MIT Media Lab, but most people (including those who continue to raise money at research institutions) share this vulnerability.

This problem cannot simply be solved by hiring better people. Policies, incentives and norms must be put in place that combat the psychological weaknesses introduced by dirty money. Just as the best way to stick to a diet is to keep cake out of the sight, the best way to make unbiased decisions is to reduce access to information that creates bias.

Universities and research centers could, for example, evaluate gifts by reviewing the donor only and being blind to the size of the donation. Only through structural changes can we make our institutions less vulnerable to those who would use them to launder their reputations.

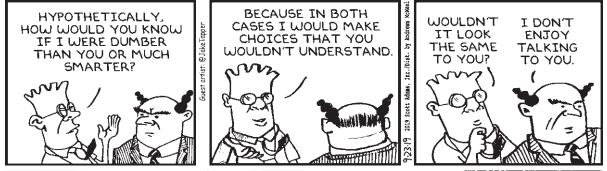
Epstein was a predator in more ways than one. If we do not take steps to fortify our institutions, the wolves will creep back in.

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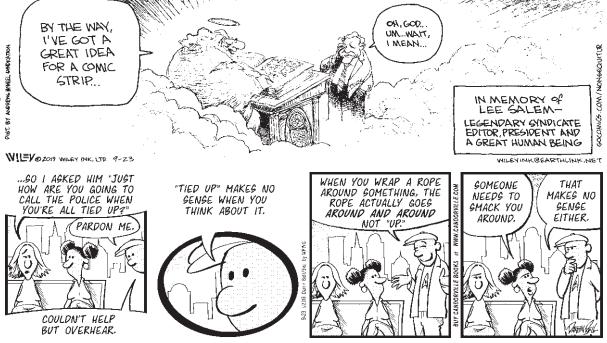
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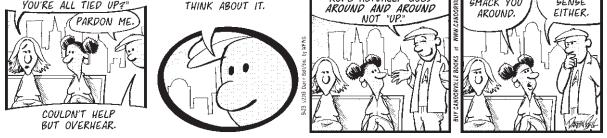
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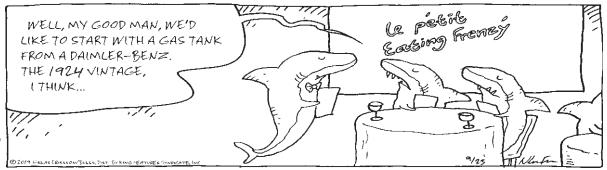
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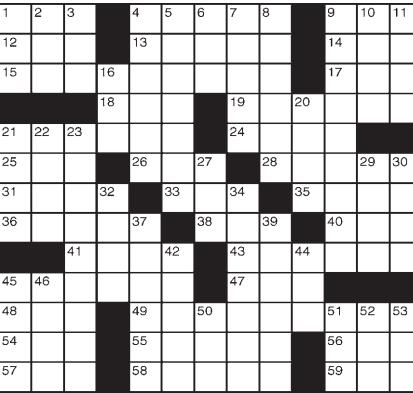
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American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	2	0	0	1.000	76	45
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	45	30
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	56	52
Miami	0	2	0	.000	10	102
South						
Houston	1	0	0	.500	41	42
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	43	47
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	58	60
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	57	52
North						
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	82	27
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	55	56
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	37	62
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	29	61
Kansas City	2	1	0	.667	68	36
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	34	44
L.A. Chargers	1	1	0	.500	40	37
Denver	0	2	0	.000	30	40

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	2	0	0	1.000	52	51
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	52	51
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	31	63
Washington	0	2	0	.000	48	63
South						
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	.500	37	45
New Orleans	1	0	0	.500	39	55
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	41	50
North	0	2	0	.000	41	50
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	31	19
Detroit	1	0	0	.500	40	37
St. Louis	1	0	0	.500	46	45
Chicago	1	0	0	.500	19	24
West						
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	72	34
L.A. Rams	2	0	0	1.000	57	36
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	49	46
Arizona	0	2	0	.000	44	50

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Jacksonville 20, Tennessee 7

Miami 7, Tampa's games

Oakland at Minnesota

Green Bay at New England

Baltimore at Kansas City

Atlanta at Indianapolis

Denver at Green Bay

N.Y. Jets at New England

N.Y. Giants at Carolina at Arizona

Houston at L.A. Chargers

New England at Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh at San Francisco

L.A. Rams at Cleveland

Chicago at Washington

Thursday, Sept. 26

Philadelphia at Green Bay

Seattle at San Francisco

Carolina at Houston

Chicago at St. Louis

Kansas City at Detroit

Oakland at Indianapolis

L.A. Rams at New England

Washington at N.Y. Giants

Tennessee at Atlanta

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Monday, Sept. 30

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh

Wednesday, Sept. 30

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh

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Briefly

Brown tweets he 'Will not be playing in the NFL anymore'

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Antonio Brown says he is finished with the NFL.

In a Twitter rant on the morning his most recent team was getting ready to play without him, the former New England Patriots receiver says, "Will not be playing in the NFL anymore." He went on to take shots at other people in football who have been accused of sexual misconduct, including Patriots owner Robert Kraft and longtime Steelers teammate Ben Roethlisberger.

Brown was traded out of Pittsburgh and released in Oakland after his off-field antics became too much for those teams. The Patriots signed him anyway, and just days later a woman filed a civil lawsuit accusing him of rape. He played in one game, then was released after the team learned he tried to intimidate a second woman who accused him of sexual misconduct.

Price to have surgery on left wrist cyst

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Boston Red Sox left-hander David Price will have surgery Thursday to remove a cyst in his left wrist that ended his season early. The 2012 Cy Young winner is expected to be ready for the start of spring training.

Price, who went 7-5 with a 4.28 ERA in 22 starts this season, last pitched on Sept. 1 and made just two appearances since the end of July.

Boston manager Alex Cora said before Sunday's game at Tampa Bay that Price should have a normal offseason once his recovery from surgery is completed.

In other baseball news:

■ Rod Barajas was at his daughter's soccer game in Del Mar on Saturday morning when general manager A.J. Preller called to say that Andy Green was out as manager of the underperforming San Diego Padres.

"I jumped in the car and came over straight to the field, and he asked me if I wanted to take over for the last eight games. And I said,

'absolutely,'" Barajas recalled a few hours before beginning his stint as interim manager against the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Green was fired about 12 hours after one of the Padres' most embarrassing losses this season, which seemed to sum up their second-half collapse.

Barajas, a former big league catcher in his first season as bench coach, managed many of the current Padres players in Triple-A, winning three straight division titles and one Pacific Coast League title.

Vettel wins Singapore to end winless run

SINGAPORE — Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel took advantage of an early pit stop to win the Singapore Grand Prix on Sunday and end a 13-month winless streak in Formula One.

Vettel, who started third on the grid, crossed the finish line 2.641 seconds ahead of Charles Leclerc — who was unhappy with team pit strategy — in a Ferrari 1-2.

It was four-time F1 champion Vettel's first win since the 2018 Belgian Grand Prix.

"Obviously the start of the season has been difficult for us but in recent weeks we started to come alive," Vettel said. "It's been incredible to get so much support from the fans and I tried to put it all into the track today and it's the car and I'm glad it paid off."

Red Bull's Max Verstappen was third while championship leader Lewis Hamilton was fourth.

Medvedev beats Coric in St. Petersburg final

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Daniil Medvedev continued his storming run of form by beating Borna Coric 6-3, 6-1.

On a run of playing in five consecutive finals including his U.S. Open defeat to Rafael Nadal, the Russian never faced a break point against Coric — even though the Croatian had won all four of their previous meetings on hard courts.



PHOTOS BY STEVE HELBER/AP

Martin Truex Jr. does a burnout to celebrate his win at Richmond, Va., on Saturday. He retook the lead for the final time with 25 laps to go to win the NASCAR Cup Series race.

Richmond rebound for Truex

NASCAR Cup championship leader wins 6th race of season

BY HANK KURZ JR.

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Martin Truex Jr. seemed to have a "pinch me" moment as he climbed from his car in victory lane.

Nudged off the lead with 87 laps to go, Truex rallied Saturday night, ultimately passing Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Kyle Busch with 25 laps to go and winning his second consecutive NASCAR Cup Series race. That it came in the series' playoffs, it seemed, made it all the more surreal.

"To spin and win is pretty incredible. I've never done anything like that in my life," Truex said. "When things are rolling, they just are."

The victory completed a redemptive finish for Truex, the championship leader coming into the race. The bump from Ricky Stenhouse Jr., who was running on fresher tires, seemed inadvertent, and came in Turn 4, but Truex was still running third when the caution flew.

He gradually reeled in his teammate, got a nudge from Busch as he passed and pulled away.

"I think any time you're winning at this level, there's a little bit of a pinch-me feeling," Truex said. "Look, this is really, really difficult. These races are hard to win. ... You've got to have some things go your ways sometimes and we've certainly had that the last two weeks."

The victory was his series-high sixth of the season and the 15th in 28 races for the Gibbs cars. The team initially finished in the top four spots, a first for JGR, with Busch hanging on for second, followed by teammates Denny Hamlin and Erik Jones. Jones, however, was later disqualified when his Toyota failed post-race inspection for a rear wheel alignment issue, dropping him to 38th place and severely damaging his chances of advancing to the



Martin Truex Jr. won his sixth race of the season.

second playoff stage.

Busch was not surprised that Truex caught him. "We led a lot of laps. We were up front a lot. But when I was out front, he could keep the closest distance to me," Busch said. "That kind of worried me for a finish like that in the long run."

Pole-sitter Brad Keselowski moved up to fourth with Jones' disqualification, and every driver that finished behind him moved up one spot on the final grid, and in the two in-race stages, where Jones had been ninth in the first stage and fourth in the second.

"We just weren't quite as fast as the Gibbs cars," Keselowski said.

"Especially on long green-flag runs, Keselowski said.

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Wisconsin running back Jonathan Taylor (23) runs against Michigan's Khaleke Hudson, right, during the first half on Saturday in Madison, Wis. Taylor ran for 203 yards and two touchdowns in the Badgers' 35-14 win over the Wolverines.

Taylor, No. 13 Badgers trounce Wolverines

Wisconsin RB runs for 143 yards, two TDs in first quarter of win over No. 11 Michigan

By KEITH JENKINS
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Jonathan Taylor ran for 203 yards and two touchdowns. Jack Coan added a career-high two rushing touchdowns and No. 13 Wisconsin made it look easy in a 35-14 victory over No. 11 Michigan on Saturday.

Taylor had 143 yards and both scores in the first quarter, including a 72-yarder. He missed the second quarter due to cramps, but the 2018 Doak Walker Award winner returned in the third to finish with 23 carries to help the Badgers (3-0, 1-0 Big Ten) avenge a 38-13 loss to the Wolverines last season in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Michigan's struggles to hold on to the ball continued as the Wolverines suffered another embarrassing loss under coach Jim Harbaugh. Michigan is 1-6 on the road against ranked opponents under Harbaugh, who took over the program in 2015.

The game was so lopsided that 80,248 in attendance chanted "overrated, overrated" to a Michigan team expected to contend for the Big Ten championship. Michigan also had to make a quarterback change.

Harbaugh elected to bench Shea Patterson late in the first half in favor of backup quarterback Dylan McCaffrey. Patterson, who fumbled twice in each of Michigan's first two games, left after completing 4 of 9 passes with 88 yards and an interception.

Patterson returned in the second half after McCaffrey was

knocked out of the game on a play that caused Wisconsin safety Reggie Pearson to receive a targeting penalty. Safety Eric Burrell also was ejected following a targeting call.

Patterson finished 14-for-32 for 219 yards with two touchdowns and an interception.

Wisconsin got better production from its quarterback.

Coan, in only his seventh start, had a 1-yard touchdown run and a 25-yarder that made it 28-0 just before the half. Coan also passed for 128 yards.

Wisconsin has outscored South Florida, Central Michigan and now Michigan by a combined score of 145-14.

Zack Baun and Jack Sanborn each had a sack to lead another dominant effort by Wisconsin's defense. Baun now has a sack in each of Wisconsin's three games.

Wisconsin inside linebacker Chris Orr and Burrell each recovered a fumble. Burrell and safety John Torchio each had an interception.

The takeaway

Michigan: The Wolverines struggled to get anything going offensively, as the unit continues to sputter under first-year offensive coordinator Josh Gattis. The Wolverines have lost each of their last six road games with Wisconsin.

Wisconsin: After going 8-5 a year ago, the Badgers proved they're again a force in the Big Ten.

Crash: Michigan, UCF disappoint

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ripped off four straight 10-win seasons before sliding to 8-5 last year.

The Badgers are back. By beating down Michigan in Madison, the Badgers validated their dominant 2-0 start against weak competition.

"After the first two games, I feel like the world didn't want to say we were the best defense in the country," Badgers linebacker Zack Baun said. "(They said) we didn't have the best running back in the country and we didn't have the best O-line in the country. And we really made an effort to make a statement this game."

The Badgers finally did allow a point after nearly 11 quarters of shutout ball to start the season, and Jonathan Taylor ran for 203 yards, despite sitting out the second quarter with cramps. The Big Ten West looked wide open coming into the season, with Nebraska penciled in as the favorite. The Badgers still face the trickiest schedule in the West, including trips to No. 6 Ohio State and Nebraska, but they are clearly the favorites now.

That Oct. 26 meeting with the Buckeyes in Columbus, Ohio, might be a preview of the Big Ten championship game. Through four weeks, Wisconsin is the only team in the Big Ten that looks like it can challenge Justin Fields and Ohio State.

Texas Tigers: Auburn was next up, taking care of No. 17 Texas A&M on the road. Auburn has made itself right at home in College Station, Texas, since the Aggies joined the Southeastern Conference, winning all four games there.

The Tigers now have two notable victories in the Lone Star State in September after rallying to beat No. 16 Oregon in Arlington to start the season.

To be fair, Auburn still looks too limited offensively to keep pace with power-charged Alabama and No. 4 LSU. The Tigers also draw No. 3 Georgia and No. 9 Florida from the SEC East. But if there is going to be a third wheel in the West, Auburn and its nasty defensive line led by pre-season All-American tackle Derick Brown is it.

Horns up: Texas didn't beat a ranked foe. More like vanquishing a demon. Oklahoma State had won four straight overall against Texas and five straight in Austin. The Cowboys' dominance in the rivalry was symbolic of Texas' fall from grace.

The Longhorns, who two weeks ago played LSU toe-to-toe, took back the rivalry, with some timely defensive stops in their own territory and the third four-TD pass game of the season for Sam Ehlinger. On the Texas Back-to-Ehlinger, this was about an 8 out of 10.

Notre Dame's road: The Fighting Irish went to Athens as a two-touchdown underdog to face a Georgia team that has been trying to make the case it is the equal of Clemson and Alabama.

The Irish hung tough, but lost



ANDY MANIS/AP

Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh talks with receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones during the first half Saturday's 35-14 loss to Wisconsin.

to a top-five team for the 11th straight time. There are no moral victories, but it wasn't that bad of a day for the Irish's playoff hopes. Suddenly, what was assumed to be difficult road games against Michigan and Stanford don't look so difficult for Notre Dame.

The Irish can't afford another loss but they will probably be favored in all their remaining games.

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UCF flops: Folks were lining up to champion the Knights last week after UCF trounced Stan-

ford. So, of course, the Knights followed it up by losing to Pitt.

Everybody off the bandwagon.

The Panthers' have chaos in the DNA, always good for at least one perplexing loss and equally surprising victory per season. A week after coach Pat Narduzzi don't look so difficult for Notre Dame.

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Scoreboard

Saturday's scores

EAST	
Albany (N.Y.) 36	Wesleyette 7
Alfred St. 27, Rochester 21	
Amherst 24, Colby 10	
Army 27, Navy 21	
Bethany (W.Va.) 41, Waynesburg 17	
Boston College 30, Rutgers 16	
Bowling Green 27, Western Michigan 14	
Brockport 55, Buffalo St. 22	
Brown 35, Bryant 17	
Buffalo 24, Kent State 22	
California (Pa.) 58, Shippensburg 7	
Carroll-McMahan 20, Penn State Jeff. 13	
Cook (Ill.) 27, Grove City 1	
Charleston (W.Va.) 34, W. Wesleyan 29	
Columbia 31, St. Francis (Pa.) 14	
Cornell 21, Marist 17	
DeSales 27, Quinnipiac 27	
Delaware Valley 28, Stevenson 21	
Dickinson 56, Gettysburg 39	
East Carolina 27, ECU 14	
Framingham St. 46, Westfield St. 21	
Franklin & Marshall 34, McDaniel 17	
Glenville 27, Concord 20	
Hobart 20, Rowan 17	
Holy Cross 27, Boston St. 9	
Indiana (Pa.) 27, Lock Haven 14	
Itasca 27, Alfred St. 28	
King's (Pa.) 41, Hartwick 19	
Kutztown 27, Gannon 19	
Lebanon Valley 31, Alvernia 12	
Maine 35, Colgate 21	
Massachusetts 21, Maine Maritime 22	
Mass.-Dartmouth 37, Fitchburg St. 13	
Merchant Marine 45, SUNY Maritime 0	
Meade 27, Bryant 24	
Merrick 27, Mayville St. 24	
Middlebury 28, Bates 0	
Muhlenberg 27, Franklin & Marshall 17	
New England 31, Castleton 21	
New Hampshire 27, Rhode Island 24	
New Jersey 27, Seton Hall International 7	
Nicholls 37, Anna Maria 20	
Norwich 17, Coast Guard 7	
Pace 52, Franklin Pierce 7	
Pittsburgh 35, Duquesne 16	
Plymouth St. 31, Worcester St. 9	
Princeton 49, Butler 7	
RPI 35, Rensselaer 27	
Sacred Heart 34, LIU 10	
Salve Regina 62, Dean 35	
Shippensburg 27, Franklin & Marshall 20	
Slippery Rock 49, Millersville 0	
St. John Fisher 40, College of NJ 16	
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Saturday's stars

■ Brock Purdy, Iowa State, threw for a career-high 435 yards and tied a school record with six touchdowns and the Cyclones throttled Louisiana-Monroe 72-20, their best scoring output in 113 years.

■ Joe Burrow, LSU, tossed four of his school-record six touchdown passes to Ja'Marr Chase and threw for 398 yards, leading the No. 4 Tigers to a 66-38 romp over Vanderbilt.

■ Justin Fields, Ohio State, threw for four TDs and rushed for two more scores in the second quarter as the No. 6 Buckeyes cruised to a 76-5 win over Miami (Ohio).

■ Jonathan Taylor, Wisconsin, ran for 203 yards and two TDs and the No. 13 Badgers made it look easy in a 35-14 victory over No. 11 Michigan.

■ Sam Ehlinger, Texas, passed for four TDs and the No. 12 Longhorns ended four years of frustration against Oklahoma State with a 36-30 win.

■ Andrew Edgar, Illinois State, had a career-high 228 yards on 12 catches in a 40-27 victory over Northern Arizona.

■ Evan Weaver, Cal, had 22 tackles and stopped Ole Miss quarterback John Rhys Plumlee for no gain at the 1-yard line as time expired to preserve No. 23 Cal's 28-20 victory over the Rebels.

■ Bronchos Rechsteiner, Kennesaw State, rushed for a school-record 221 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries in a 35-24 win over Missouri State.

■ Tommy DeVito, Syracuse, accounted for five touchdowns and 371 yards in a 52-33 win over Western Michigan.

■ EJ Perry, Brown, accounted for five touchdowns and 411 yards in a 35-30 victory against Bryant.

■ Tevaka Tuioi, New Mexico, threw for a career-high 355 yards and three TDs in a 55-52 win over rival New Mexico State.

■ Ernest Edwards, Maine, returned two kickoffs for TDs for the second time in his career in a 35-21 win over Colgate.

■ Davis Alexander, Portland State, threw for a career-high five TDs and 366 yards in a 59-9 win over Eastern Oregon.

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New Mexico quarterback Tevaka Tuioi searches for a receiver under pressure from **New Mexico State** defensive lineman Cedric Wilcots during the first half on Saturday. Tuioi threw for a career-high 355 yards and three TDs in New Mexico's 55-52 win.

How the AP Top 25 fared

1 No. 1 Clemson (4-0) beat Charlotte 52-10. Trevor Lawrence threw two first-half touchdown passes and No. 1 Clemson won its 19th straight by overwhelming Charlotte. Lawrence threw a 58-yard touchdown pass to Tee Higgins and K'Von Wallace scored on a 66-yard interception return to give Clemson a 14-0 lead in the first five minutes.

Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday.

2 No. 2 Alabama (4-0) beat Southern Miss. 49-7. Tua Tagovailoa passed for 203 yards and five touchdowns in just three quarters and Alabama rolled past Southern Miss. Tide receiver Henry Ruggs III had a career high in receiving yards even before the first quarter ended, with touchdowns of 45 and 74 yards.

Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday.

3 Georgia (4-0) beat No. 7 Notre Dame 23-17. Jake Fromm threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Lawrence Cager early in the fourth quarter and Georgia held off Notre Dame, a result that could have ramifications all the way to the College Football Playoff.

Next: at Tennessee, Saturday, Oct. 5.

4 LSU (4-0) beat Vanderbilt 66-38. Joe Burrow tossed four of his school-record six touchdown passes to Ja'Marr Chase and threw for 398 yards to lead LSU. The Tigers showed off their offense in the second half, but their points total this season and most ever in regulation against an SEC opponent.

Next: vs. Utah State, Saturday, Oct. 5.

5 Oklahoma (3-0) did not play. Oklahoma has scored on 19 of 27 possessions with Jalen Hurts at the controls with all but two being touchdowns. They have gone three-and-out just twice. The Sooners have won the last seven meetings and have scored at least 38 points in their last nine meetings against the Red Raiders, their next opponent.

Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.

6 Ohio State (4-0) beat Miami (Ohio) 76-5. Justin Fields threw for four touchdowns and rushed for two more scores in the second quarter as the Buckeyes cruised. Ohio State led 7-5 after the first quarter. Fields and K.J. Hill with a 53-yard touchdown pass and then ran for a 7-yard score 32 seconds later. It was all Ohio State the rest of the way.

Next: at Nebraska, Saturday.

7 Notre Dame (2-1) lost to No. 3 Georgia 23-17. Ian Book's 4-yard touchdown pass to Chase Claypool cut the deficit with 3:12 remaining, the Notre Dame defense held, and Book got the ball back at his own 48 after a poor punt with just under 2 minutes to go. The Irish got as far as the Georgia 38, but no further.

Next: vs. No. 21 Virginia, Saturday.

8 Auburn (4-0) beat No. 17 Texas 48-28. Bo Nix threw a 40-yard TD pass to Jarrett Patterson, who ran for a score as Auburn built a big lead and withstood a late charge. Nix didn't put up flashy numbers, but he didn't make any big mistakes in his first true road game in front of a rowdy crowd of 101,681.

Next: vs. Mississippi State, Saturday.

9 Florida (4-0) beat Tennessee 34-9. Kyle Trask threw for 293 yards and two touchdowns in his first start in nearly seven years and Florida extended its dominance in a series that used to be the most prominent in the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division.

Next: vs. Northwestern, Saturday.

10 Utah (3-1) lost to Southern Miss 39-23. Friday, Zack Moss left in the first half with an apparent shoulder injury. Losing him is an enormous blow to any offense, and his long-term health could determine the Utes' chances for a run at a second straight PAC-12 title.

Next: vs. No. 19 Washington State, Saturday.

11 Michigan (2-2) lost to No. 13 Wisconsin 35-14. Michigan's struggles to hold on to the ball continued as the Wolverines suffered another embarrassing loss under coach Jim Harbaugh. Michigan is 1-6 on the road against ranked opponents under Harbaugh, who took over the program in 2015.

Next: vs. Rutgers, Saturday.

12 Texas (3-1) beat Oklahoma State 36-30. Sam Ehlinger passed for four touchdowns and Texas ended four years of frustration against the Cowboys. Ehlinger had 17 completions in the first half, the Longhorns' Oklahoma State's Chuba Hubbard, the nation's leading rusher coming into the night, ran for 121 yards and two touchdowns but averaged just 3.3 yards per carry.

Next: at West Virginia, Saturday, Oct. 5.

13 Wisconsin (4-0) beat No. 11 Michigan 35-14. Jonathan Taylor ran for 203 yards and two touchdowns, and Zack Cozart added a career-high two rushing touchdowns and Wisconsin made it look easy. Taylor had 143 yards and both scores in the first quarter, including a 72-yarder.

Next: vs. Northwestern, Saturday.

14 Penn State (3-0) did not play. The Nittany Lions have beaten the Terrapins by a combined 104-6 in the last two meetings.

Next: at No. 21 Maryland, Friday.

15 UCF (3-1) lost to Pittsburgh 35-34. Wide receiver Aaron Mathews hit quarterback Kenny Pickett on a 40-yard, one-touchdown touchdown with 59 seconds remaining and the Panthers staved off UCF, ending its 25-game regular-season winning streak on a play-high coach Pat Narduzzi called the "Pitt Special" in a nod to the Philadelphia Eagles, who ran a similar play two seasons ago in their Super Bowl victory.

Next: vs. UConn, Saturday.

16 Oregon (3-1) beat Stanford 21-6. Justin Herbert threw two of his three touchdown passes to Jacob Breland and Oregon won its Pac-12 opener for the first time since 2014. The Ducks used an efficient day from Herbert and another smothering defensive performance to end a 7-game losing streak to Stanford.

Next: vs. No. 23 California, Saturday, Oct. 5.

17 Texas A&M (2-2) lost to No. 8 Auburn 28-20. Auburn was up 21-3 before A&M finally got going offensively in the fourth quarter. Kellen Mond cut the lead to 21-10 with his first touchdown pass early in the fourth. Mond later connected with Aminia Smith on a 15-yard TD pass with just over two minutes left to get them to 28-20.

Next: vs. Arkansas at Arlington, Texas, Saturday.

18 Iowa (3-0) did not play. Iowa won on the road against its biggest rival in its last game. The Hawkeyes should have an easier time this week at home.

Next: vs. Middle Tennessee, Saturday.

19 Washington (3-1) lost to No. 19 Washington State 67-63. Dorian Thompson-Robinson threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Demetric Felton with 1:07 left in the game as winless UCLA overcame a 32-point second-half deficit and a record nine TD passes by Washington State's Anthony Gordon and claimed a wild win. Gordon was sacked and fumbled on the next possession with about a minute left, but UCLA recovered and ran out the clock.

Next: vs. No. 10 Utah, Saturday.

20 Boise State (4-0) beat Air Force 30-19. Friday, Hank Bachmeier threw for 263 yards and two touchdowns and Boise State pulled away in the second half.

Next: at UNLV, Saturday, Oct. 5.

21 Virginia (4-0) beat Old Dominion 28-17. Zane Zandier returned an interception 22 yards for a touchdown, part of a dominant defensive second half, as Virginia rallied past Old Dominion. The Monarchs' failed a fourth-down try in their own territory set up Virginia's go-ahead score, a 7-yard touchdown, by quarterback Taillapapa with 10:16 to go for a 21-17 edge.

Next: at No. 7 Notre Dame, Saturday.

22 Washington (3-1) beat BYU 45-19. Jacob Eason threw for 290 yards and three touchdowns and Washington scored two touchdowns off three BYU turnovers to coast to a victory. The Huskies totalled 470 yards on offense.

Next: vs. Southern Cal, Saturday.

23 California (4-0) beat Mississippi 28-20. Chase Garbers threw for four touchdowns, but the Bears needed a game-saving tackle at the 1-yard line from linebacker Evan Weaver on the game's final play. Cal was in control until the final six minutes, when reserve quarterback John Rhys Plumlee led Ole Miss on a late rally to wipe out a 28-13 deficit. Plumlee was stopped by Weaver for a gain on fourth down at the 1-yard line as time expired.

Next: vs. No. 24 Arizona State, Friday.

24 Arizona State (3-1) lost to Colorado 34-31. Steven Montez threw for 337 yards and had three touchdown passes to Tony Brown, lifting Colorado past Arizona State.

Next: at No. 23 California, Friday.

25 TCU (2-2) lost to SMU 41-38. Shane Buechele threw for 288 yards with two touchdowns and ran for a score as SMU ended a seven-game losing streak in the rivalry and improved to 4-0 for the first time since 1984.

Next: vs. Kansas, Saturday.

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Contenders
and pretenders

Tigers, Badgers, Longhorns and Fighting Irish could crash College Football Playoff party

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

Highlighted by three games matching top-15 teams, this was the first weekend of the season to seriously separate College Football Playoff contenders and pretenders.

Feel free to take a seat at the adults' table No. 8 Auburn and No. 13 Wisconsin. You, too, No. 12 Texas. And No. 7 Notre Dame, even in a loss you looked like you belong.

We are looking for teams capable of disrupting the established upper tier in college football this season: No. 1 Clemson, No. 2 Alabama, No. 3 Georgia, No. 4 LSU, No. 5 Oklahoma and No. 6 Ohio State.

The Tigers, Badgers, Longhorns and Fighting Irish might — maybe — have the stuff to crash the party.

No. 11 Michigan, you're excused. Playoffs are the last thing coach Jim Harbaugh needs to be thinking about. His program seems to be at a crossroads. No. 15 UCF, which lost a regular-season game for the first time since 2016, will be joining the Wolverines on the don't-call-us-we'll-call-you list.

Might as well go in chronological order.

Bullish Badgers: A year after a season of great expectations went sideways for Wisconsin the country's most self-aware program is back on track. The Badgers never stray far from their successful player development blueprint. Build a big, strong offensive line. Put a workhorse tailback behind it.

Play tough and disciplined defense. Wisconsin

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From top: Auburn TE John Samuel Shenker; Notre Dame LB Shayne Simon; Texas DL Marquez Bimah; and Wisconsin TE Jake Ferguson

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